Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL NO. 1450

BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT, JENKINS, KENNEY, PERKINS,
        THOMPSON, AND WIGGINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Articles 89 and 3520, relative to same sex

        marriages; to prohibit the recognition of any marriage between persons

        of the same sex; to provide for any such marriage contracted in another

        state or jurisdiction; to provide for the effect of any public act, record

        or judicial proceeding in another state or jurisdiction which authorizes

        such marriages; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

        Section 1. Civil Code Articles 89 and 3520 are hereby amended and

reenacted to read as follows:

        Art. 89. Impediment of same sex

                Persons of the same sex may not contract marriage with each

        other.   A purported marriage between persons of the same sex

        contracted in another state shall be governed by the provisions of Title

        II of Book IV of the Civil Code.

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        Art. 3520. Marriage

                A. A marriage that is valid in the state where contracted, or in

        the state where the parties were first domiciled as husband and wife,

        shall be treated as a valid marriage unless to do so would violate a

strong public policy of the state whose law is applicable to the particular issue under Article 3519.

B. A purported marriage between persons of the same sex violates a strong public policy of the state of Louisiana and such a marriage contracted in another state shall not be recognized in this state for any purpose, including the assertion of any right or claim as a result of the purported marriage.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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