

**Senate File 2176 - Introduced**

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BY HARTSUCH

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the validity in other jurisdictions of a  
2 marriage solemnized in Iowa.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 595.20, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **595.20 Foreign marriages — marriages solemnized in Iowa —**  
4 **validity — required effect.**

5 1. A marriage which is solemnized in any other state,  
6 territory, country, or any foreign jurisdiction which is  
7 valid in that state, territory, country, or other foreign  
8 jurisdiction, is valid in this state if the parties meet the  
9 requirements for validity pursuant to section 595.2, subsection  
10 1, and if the marriage would not otherwise be declared void.

11 2. Another state, territory, country, or any other foreign  
12 jurisdiction is not required to give effect to a marriage  
13 which is solemnized in this state if the marriage could not be  
14 legally solemnized in that jurisdiction.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill provides that a marriage solemnized in Iowa is  
17 not required to be given effect in another jurisdiction if  
18 the marriage could not be legally solemnized in the other  
19 jurisdiction.