
SENATE BILL 5541

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By Senator Pelz

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1 AN ACT Relating to first cousin marriages; and amending RCW
2 26.04.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.04.020 and 1927 c 189 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Marriages in the following cases are prohibited:

7 (1) When either party thereto has a wife or husband living at the
8 time of such marriage.

9 (2) When the parties thereto are nearer of kin to each other than
10 second cousins, whether of the whole or half blood computing by the
11 rules of the civil law; except that marriage may be contracted between
12 first cousins if the female has attained the age of fifty years or if
13 either party, at the time of application for a marriage license,
14 submits an affidavit signed by a physician stating that either party is
15 permanently sterile.

16 (3) It shall be unlawful for any man to marry his father's sister,
17 mother's sister, daughter, sister, son's daughter, daughter's daughter,
18 brother's daughter or sister's daughter; it shall be unlawful for any

1 woman to marry her father's brother, mother's brother, son, brother,
2 son's son, daughter's son, brother's son or sister's son.

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