Uphold and Strengthen Marriage and Family

"Marriage" Removed from Statute

**Original Bill:** HB2173  **Amended Bill:**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Adam Schneltin

**Description:** Changes the laws regarding marriage and replaces marriage licenses with contracts of domestic union.

**Position Statement:** Oppose: "Although the dignity of this institution [marriage] is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. 'The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life.'" (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 1603) This legislation represents a retreat from the effort to revitalize the institution of marriage, an institution essential to the preservation of society. 01/11/18

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