



# SENATE BILL No. 937

March 19, 1996, Introduced by Senators VAN REGENMORTER, NORTH, SHUGARS, GOUGEON, SCHUETTE, HOFFMAN, EMMONS, MC MANUS, KOIVISTO, STEIL, ROGERS, CISKY, BENNETT and STILLE and referred to the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

A bill to amend sections 2, 3, and 4 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, entitled "Of marriage and the solemnization thereof," being sections 551.2, 551.3, and 551.4 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 Section 1. Sections 2, 3, and 4 of chapter 83 of the  
2 Revised Statutes of 1846, being sections 551.2, 551.3, and 551.4  
3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2. Marriage, so far as its validity in law is con-  
5 cerned, is a civil contract BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN, to which  
6 the consent of parties capable in law of contracting, is  
7 essential. Consent alone will not be enough to effectuate a  
8 legal marriage ~~from~~ ON and after January 1, 1957. Consent must  
9 be followed by ~~the issuance of~~ OBTAINING a license as ~~provided~~

1 ~~for~~ REQUIRED by section 1 of Act No. 128 of the Public Acts of  
2 1887, ~~as amended,~~ being section 551.101 of the MICHIGAN  
3 Compiled Laws, ~~of 1948,~~ or as provided for by section 1 of Act  
4 No. 180 of the Public Acts of 1897, ~~as amended,~~ being section  
5 551.201 of the MICHIGAN Compiled Laws, ~~of 1948,~~ and solemniza-  
6 tion, as authorized by sections 7 to 18 ~~, inclusive,~~ of this  
7 ~~act~~ CHAPTER.

8       Sec. 3. ~~No~~ A man shall NOT marry his mother, SISTER,  
9 grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, stepmother, grandfather's  
10 wife, son's wife, grandson's wife, wife's mother, wife's grand-  
11 mother, wife's daughter, wife's granddaughter, ~~nor his sister,~~  
12 brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's sister, ~~or~~  
13 mother's sister, or cousin of the first degree, OR ANOTHER MAN.

14       Sec. 4. ~~No~~ A woman shall NOT marry her father, BROTHER,  
15 grandfather, son, grandson, stepfather, grandmother's husband,  
16 daughter's husband, granddaughter's husband, husband's father,  
17 husband's grandfather, husband's son, husband's grandson, ~~nor~~  
18 ~~her brother,~~ brother's son, sister's son, father's brother,  
19 mother's brother, or cousin of the first degree, OR ANOTHER  
20 WOMAN.