1	State of Arkansas
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2	89th General Assembly
	A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL 256

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5   By: Senator Irvin

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8   AN ACT TO ALLOW AN ARKANSAS MARRIAGE LICENSE TO BE

9   USED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

13   TO ALLOW AN ARKANSAS MARRIAGE LICENSE TO

14   BE USED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

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17   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2, is amended

20   to add an additional section to read as follows:

21   9-11-222. Authority to use marriage license in other jurisdictions.

22   (a) Parties to a contract of marriage may use an Arkansas marriage

23   license in other jurisdictions outside the State of Arkansas if:

24   (1) The person performing the marriage is legally authorized in

25   that jurisdiction to solemnize marriages and, if outside the State of

26   Arkansas, attaches proof of such authorization by using the form in

27   subsection (b) of this section; and

28   (2) The marriage license is subsequently filed with the issuing

29   county in Arkansas.

30   (b) The following certificate of solemnization shall be used as proof

31   of authorization under subsection (a) of this section:

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33   Certificate of Solemnization

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35   State of _____,

36   County of _____ ss

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2   I, _____, do hereby certify that on the _____ day of

3   _____, 2_____, I did duly, and according to law as commanded in the

4   foregoing license, solemnize the rites and publish the banns of matrimony

5   between the parties herein named.

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7   Witness my hand this_____ day of_____, 2_____

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12   *SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.*

13   *(a) The General Assembly finds that Arkansas only recognizes a*

14 *marriage that consists of the union of one man and one woman.*

15   *(b) Arkansas does not recognize a marriage that consists of a union of*

16 *persons of the same gender, whether the marriage is performed inside or*

17 *outside Arkansas.*

18   *(c) The intent of this bill is to authorize the use of an Arkansas*

19 *marriage license in other jurisdictions when certain conditions are met.*

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21   */s/Irvin*

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