

CHAPTER 49

AN ACT to validate marriages heretofore solemnized by certain persons who were not authorized to solemnize marriages.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. All marriages, if otherwise valid, heretofore solemnized by a person who purported to be a minister of religion but who was not at the time of such solemnization authorized as a minister by the rules or customs of a religious society, institution or organization shall be as valid as if the same had been solemnized by a minister of religion.

This validating act in no way changes the requirement that marriages covered by this act required the persons intending to be married to obtain marriage licenses in compliance with the provisions of chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Revised Statutes.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 23, 2003.