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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to requiring all parties to an annulment or divorce to remove religious barriers to remarriage

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 253 of the domestic relations law is renumbered subdivision 10 and a new subdivision 9 is added to read as follows:

9. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions two, three, four and five of this section, in any action or proceeding to annul a marriage or to file for a divorce, both parties shall remove any religious or conscientious barrier to remarriage as described in subdivision six of this section within ninety days of filing for such annulment or divorce. A person who fails to comply with the requirements of this subdivision shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five hundred dollars per week until such barriers to remarriage are removed, unless the other party has waived in writing the requirements of this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to actions and proceedings commenced on or after such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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