

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by M. of A. 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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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

13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
14 it shall have become a law and shall apply to actions and proceedings  
15 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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