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SENATE BILL 597

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MARRIAGE; PROVIDING FOR CONTEMPLATION OF MARRIAGE
AS A CIVIL CONTRACT BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 40-1-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1862-
1863, p. 64, as amended) is amended to read:

"40-1-1. CIVIL CONTRACT. -- [~~Section 1.~~] Marriage is
contemplated by the law as a civil contract between a man and a
woman for which the consent of the contracting parties, capable
in law of contracting, is essential."

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