

Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2014
Proposed Committee Stage Amendment by the Administration

Purpose

This paper sets out the Administration's proposed Committee Stage Amendment (CSA) on the Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2014 (the Bill) at Annex.

Committee Stage Amendment

2. It is the Administration's target to resume Second Reading debate on the Bill before 16 July 2014¹, so as to align the statute law with the Court of Final Appeal judgment in the W case. The Administration has been actively assisting the scrutiny work of the Bills Committee. Subject to the Bills Committee's final agreement to such target to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill on or before the 9 July 2014 sitting of the Legislative Council, i.e. the last Council sitting scheduled within the current legislative year, the Administration proposes introducing a CSA to specify the commencement date of the Ordinance as 17 July 2014 (i.e. same as the effective date of the CFA Order), instead of to be further decided by the Secretary for Security by notice published in the Gazette separately.

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¹ That is, the expiry date of the 12-month suspension period of the Declarations granted in the Court of Final Appeal's order in the case of *W v the Registrar of Marriages* (FACV 4/2012).

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Amendment to be moved by the Secretary for Security

Clause

Amendment Proposed

1(2)	By deleting everything after “operation” and substituting “on 17 July 2014.”.
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