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## BILL.

An Act to amend the Law relative to  
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**BILL.**

[No. 341.]

**An Act to amend the Law relative to the Solemnization of Marriage in Upper Canada.** *(see also page 165.)*

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to remove all doubts as to any Church being entitled to any peculiar privileges in Upper Canada, with reference to the Solemnization of Marriage, and to place upon a footing of the most perfect equality the Ministers of all Churches and religious denominations, without subjecting them to any inconvenience by requiring their attendance at any Court, or before any Registrar in this Province, for the purpose of obtaining a licence or certificate, or for any other purpose whatsoever; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

10 That any Clergyman, Parson or Minister of any Church, Religious community or society in Upper Canada, regularly ordained, constituted or appointed by the proper authorities of such Church, Religious community or society, is hereby authorized to solemnize the ceremony of Marriage in Upper Canada, between any two persons  
15 neither of whom is under any legal disqualification to contract Marriage.

Any regularly ordained Minister in U. C. may solemnize marriage.

II. And be it enacted, That the third and fourth Sections of the Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of King George the Fourth, and intituled, "*An Act to*  
20 "*make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Matrimony in this Province,*" and so much of the sixth Section of the said Act as refers to the return of a certified list of Marriages to the Clerk of the Peace; and the second, third and fifth Sections of the Act of the  
25 Parliament of this Province passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of Upper Canada to Ministers of all denominations of Christians,*" be and the same are hereby repealed; Provided that nothing in this Act shall  
30 affect in any way the authority to celebrate Marriage, now vested in any person by virtue of any law in force in Upper Canada.

Certain Sections of certain Acts upon the same subject repealed.

Provided.