

**§650. Findings and purposes**

All municipal clerks, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and courts of this State have a duty and are legally required to construe the provisions of Maine's marriage laws in accordance with the following findings and purposes: [PL 2019, c. 340, §1 (AMD).]

**1. Findings.** The people of the State of Maine find that:

A. The union of 2 people joined in a monogamous marriage is of inestimable value to society; the State has a compelling interest to nurture and promote the unique institution of monogamous marriage in the support of harmonious families and the physical and mental health of children; and the State has the compelling interest in promoting the moral values inherent in a monogamous marriage. [PL 2019, c. 340, §2 (AMD).]

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**2. Purposes.** The purposes of this chapter are:

A. To encourage a monogamous family unit as the basic building block of our society, the foundation of harmonious and enriching family life; [PL 2019, c. 340, §3 (AMD).]

B. To nurture, sustain and protect a monogamous family unit in Maine society, its moral imperatives, its economic function and its unique contribution to the rearing of healthy children; and [PL 2019, c. 340, §3 (AMD).]

C. To support and strengthen monogamous Maine families against improper interference from out-of-state influences or edicts. [PL 2019, c. 340, §3 (AMD).]

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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1997, c. 65, §2 (NEW). PL 2019, c. 340, §§1-3 (AMD).

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