23104299D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2174** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 11, 2023 Prefiled January 11, 2023 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 20-13.2, relating to marriage lawful regardless of sex of parties. Patrons—Sickles, Adams, D.M., Bennett-Parker, Bourne, Carr, Clark, Convirs-Fowler, Filler-Corn, Glass, Gooditis, Guzman, Hope, Hudson, Kory, Krizek, Lopez, Maldonado, McQuinn, Mundon King, Murphy, Price, Rasoul, Roem, Seibold, Sewell, Shin, Simonds, Sullivan, Tran, VanValkenburg and Ward 8 Referred to Committee on Rules 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 20-13.2 as follows: 11 12 § 20-13.2. Marriage lawful regardless of sex of parties. 13 A marriage between two parties shall be lawful regardless of the sex or gender of such persons, 14 provided that such marriage is not otherwise prohibited by the provisions of this title. Religious organizations and members of the clergy acting in their religious capacity shall have the 15 16 right to refuse to perform any marriage.