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## NO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTION FOR UNMARRIED COUPLES

**House Bill 4258**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Clark Bisbee**  
**Committee: Constitutional Law and Ethics**

**Complete to 3-8-99**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4258 AS INTRODUCED 2-11-99**

The bill would amend the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to add definitions of "marital status" and "cohabiting," thereby prohibiting civil rights protection under the act for unmarried couples who lived together "as husband and wife." The bill would define "cohabiting" to mean "living together as husband and wife without being lawfully married," and "marital status" to mean "being lawfully married" or "being unmarried and not cohabiting with another person."

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