

2.1 (b) If the requirements of paragraph (a) are met, the two persons are considered married
2.2 for purposes of eligibility for burial or memorial benefits under state or federal law. Proof
2.3 of a civil marriage for purposes of this paragraph may be made by a verified affidavit
2.4 executed by the surviving person.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.