

# How will the proposed Marriage Bill affect me?

- The state has proposed Legislation, which if left unopposed and unchallenged, could affect us regarding our Dīn.
- The system of marriage, divorce etc that Allāh Ta'āla has given us is perfect, just and applicable for all times. It is a requirement for a Muslim to have conviction in this. We do not require nor do we want our matrimonial affairs to be regulated by a foreign, incomplete system that is flawed and requires revision from time to time.
- These irreligious set of directives are totally foreign to our Dīn and are diametrically opposed to the commands of Allāh Ta'āla.
- Nikāh is a sanctified religious duty and a great Sunnah of Sayyidina Rasūlullāh sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam.
- These regulations stand to dilute fundamentals of our Dīn. Muslims will no longer be free to practice upon the Islamic laws which regulate marriage, divorce, maintenance and inheritance.
- A woman will be forced to present herself in public to contract her own Nikāh.
- Only registered marriage officers will be allowed to perform Nikāhs. An unregistered Imam who performs a Nikāh may be subject to prosecution including fines and imprisonment.
- Unwarranted restrictions will be placed on the age of marriage and the right of polygamy, among other clauses that contravene Islamic Law.
- Unnecessary restrictions are proposed on the age of marriage, the right to polygamy etc. These are in open conflict with the laws of Allāh Ta'āla.
- In short, the proposed legislation stands to subject a Muslim to the secular court in order for him to practice the principles that Allah Ta'āla has ordained for Nikāh, Talāq etc.

## What should we do?

1. Perform at least 2 Rakāt Salāt ut Tawbah and sincerely repent.
  2. Give out some Sadaqah with the intention of removing the anger of Allāh Ta'āla.
  3. Resolve to abandon disobedience and obey all the commands of Allāh Ta'āla especially with regards to Nikāh, divorce and inheritance.
  4. Voice your objection through one of the following channels:
    - a) Click [HERE](#) or [HERE](#) to directly send your objection from your mobile browser  
(Please ensure that you fill in your Name and ID number)
- OR
- b) Download the template by clicking [HERE](#) and send it via email to Moses.Malakate@dha.gov.za OR Agnes.Molefoe@dha.gov.za
5. Individuals, Madrassahs and Islamic organizations are all encouraged to submit their objections.
  6. Deadline for submissions is **31 August 2023**.

We should reflect and introspect. For as many years as we are in this country, Allah Ta'āla, out of his sheer Mercy and Kindness, allowed us to live by His Laws alone in this regard. What have we done that we are now at the threshold of being subjected to secular unislamic regulations?

“In like manner, We make some of the oppressor’s rule over others because of the (evil) deeds that they perpetrate.” Al Qurān (6:129)

اللهم لا تَسَلِّطْ عَلَيْنَا بِدُنُوبِنَا مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُنَا

O Allāh, on account of our sinning do not subject us to leaders who will not have Mercy on us. Āmīn

