Same Sex Marriages

Effective immediately, South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles will accept any marriage certificate from any state, including the District of Columbia.

Page 14 of Procedure DL-003 Acceptable Documents for US Citizens and

Page 18 of Procedure DL-004 Acceptable Documents for International Customers were changed as follows.

A. Removed the following statement.

Same sex marriages are not recognized in this state according to SC Code of Law §20-1-15 and Article XVII, Section 15 of the South Carolina Constitution.

B. Replaced the terms “husband and wife” with “spouses”.

Husband OR wife Spouses can change middle or last names at the time of marriage. Either party can choose to keep their pre-married name, or can adopt some combination of middle and last names from either spouse.

DMV will only accept a court order or a marriage certificate to make a legal name change as indicated on page 14 of Procedure DL-003.

REMINDER: Customer service is priority. Employees must treat every customer with respect and dignity.

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