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SB 54 and Same-Sex Couples Who Marry Outside of California

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SB 54, a bill authored by Senator Mark Leno and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger on October 11, 2009, clarified the rights of same-sex couples who married outside of California in the wake of Proposition 8, which prevented California from allowing or recognizing marriages for same-sex couples after its passage. SB 54 provided important clarification about the legal status of same-sex couples married outside of California while Proposition 8 was in effect.

However, on June 28, 2013, the Ninth Circuit lifted its stay of a district court injunction against enforcement of Proposition 8, meaning that California once again is able to issue marriage licenses to, and recognize the marriages of, same-sex couples. You can read our FAQ about marriage in California here:

<http://www.nclrights.org/CAMarriageFAQ>