

RCW 26.04.260 Recognition of a legal union. If two persons in Washington have a legal union, other than a marriage, that:

- (1) Was validly formed in another state or jurisdiction;
 - (2) Provides substantially the same rights, benefits, and responsibilities as a marriage; and
 - (3) Does not meet the definition of domestic partnership in RCW 26.60.030,
- then they shall be treated as having the same rights and responsibilities as married spouses in this state, unless:

- (a) Such relationship is prohibited by RCW 26.04.020 (1)(a) or (2); or
- (b) They become permanent residents of Washington state and do not enter into a marriage within one year after becoming permanent residents. [2012 c 3 § 11 (Referendum Measure No. 74, approved November 6, 2012).]

Notice—2012 c 3: See note following RCW 26.04.010.