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| Country: | Germany |
| Title: | Registered partnerships |
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| <u>Context</u> | |
| Issue at stake: | Rights of persons living in a same-sex registered partnership (<i>Eingetragene Lebensgemeinschaft</i>) |
| Ground of discrimination: | Sexual orientation |
| Source: | Legislation |
| Field: | Various |
| Applicable law: | Law on the Update of the law of Registered Partnerships (<i>Gesetz zur Bereinigung des Rechts der Lebenspartner</i>) |

Content

Policy development: The German Bundestag has passed a law that abolishes in various areas of the law in which unequal treatment of persons living in a same sex registered partnership (*Eingetragene Lebensgemeinschaft*) still existed. The bill encompasses – among others – administrative procedure, registrars, promotion, education and examination law, the law of displaced persons, health law, asylum law, statistics, civil procedure law, civil law, criminal law, social law, family law and adoption law.

Key points of analysis:

The law is wide ranging but most changes are not of significant practical importance. Some are part of legislative editing and technical streamlining. Some changes are more significant, e.g. the creation of claims in the law of displaced persons or rights and liability of registered partners in compulsory execution law. Certificates of no impediment to marriage will be made available for registered partners, which can be important for same sex marriage or partnership abroad.

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