

Name of the Act/s	Entscheidung des Verfassungsgerichtshofs 4th of december 2017 ; G 258/2017
Date	4.12.2017
Type of Act (name in English / in the official language)	Decision of the Constitutional Court
Enacted by	Constitutional Court
Reference to the Constitution (art.)	Art 144, Art 7 Federal Constitutional Act
Subject area	Review of the Austrian legislation upholding the concept of marriage as the union of man and woman; legislation is unconstitutional
If the act implements a source of EU Law: cite the relevant EU legal source	--
Comment	<p>On the occasion of a complaint based on Art 144 of the Austrian Federal Constitutional Law, the Constitutional Court decided to review the provisions of the Austrian Civil Code (ABGB) that uphold the concept of marriage as the union of heterosexual couples and the Law on Registered Partnership (ex-officio review).</p> <p>The Constitutional Courts found that the distinction between marriage and same-sex partnership was discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional.</p>
Secondary sources/ doctrinal works (if any)	
Available Text	https://www.vfgh.gv.at/downloads/VfGH_Entscheidung_G_258-2017_ua_Ehe_gleichgeschlechtl_Paare.pdf
Date of entry into force	