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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 2540** Session of  
1998

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INTRODUCED BY DENT, BARD, BATTISTO, BEBKO-JONES, CIVERA,  
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STABACK, STEELMAN, E. Z. TAYLOR, J. TAYLOR, C. WILLIAMS AND  
YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 22, 1998

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 22, 1998

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for application for  
3 marriage license.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1302 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1302. Application for license.

9 (a) General rule.--No marriage license shall be issued  
10 except upon written and verified application made by both of the  
11 parties intending to marry.

12 (b) Contents.--The application shall contain the following:

13 (1) The full name of the applicants.

14 (2) The occupation, birthplace, residence and age of the  
15 applicants.

16 (3) Whether the marriage contemplated is the first,  
17 second or other marriage of an applicant.

1           (4) A statement that neither of the applicants is  
2 afflicted with transmissible disease.

3           (5) The full name, residence, occupation and birthplace  
4 of the parents of each applicant, including the maiden name  
5 of the mother of each applicant.

6           (6) Any other facts necessary to determine whether a  
7 legal impediment to the proposed marriage exists.

8           (7) A statement that reads:

9           The laws of this Commonwealth affirm your right to  
10           enter into this marriage and at the same time to live  
11           within the marriage free from violence and abuse.  
12           Neither of you is the property of another. Physical  
13           abuse, sexual abuse and assault of a spouse or other  
14           family member as well as other provisions of the  
15           criminal laws of this Commonwealth are applicable to  
16           spouses and other family members and violations  
17           thereof are punishable by law.

18           Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.