

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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GEIST, MARCH 15, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 15, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for oral examination  
3 of parties applying for a marriage license.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1306 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1306. Oral examination.

9 (a) Appearance.--Each of the applicants for a marriage  
10 license shall appear in person and shall be examined under oath  
11 or affirmation as to:

12 (1) The legality of the contemplated marriage.

13 (2) Any prior marriage or marriages and its or their  
14 dissolution.

15 (3) The restrictions set forth in section 1304 (relating  
16 to restrictions on issuance of license).

17 (4) All the information required to be furnished on the

1 application for license as prepared and approved by the  
2 department.

3 (b) Exception.--If an applicant is unable to appear in  
4 person, the clerk of the orphans' court shall provide that the  
5 person make an application by sworn affidavit. Affidavit forms  
6 shall be made available by the clerk of the orphans' court.

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