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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in marriage, repealing provisions  
3 relating to waiting period after application; and further  
4 providing for issuance of license.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1303 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is repealed:

9 [§ 1303. Waiting period after application.

10 (a) General rule.--No marriage license shall be issued prior  
11 to the third day following the making of application therefor.

12 (b) Exceptions.--The court may authorize a license to be  
13 issued at any time after the making of the application in the  
14 following cases:

15 (1) In case of emergency or extraordinary circumstances.

16 (2) If an applicant is a member of the Pennsylvania  
17 National Guard or other reserve component of the armed forces  
18 of the United States and is called or ordered to active duty

1 with the armed forces of the United States.]

2 Section 2. Section 1307 of Title 23 is amended to read:

3 § 1307. Issuance of license.

4 The marriage license shall be issued immediately following  
5 the making of application therefor if it appears from properly  
6 completed applications on behalf of each of the parties to the  
7 proposed marriage that there is no legal objection to the  
8 marriage. [Except as provided by section 1303(b) (relating to  
9 waiting period after application), the license shall not be  
10 issued prior to the third day following the date of the most  
11 recent of the two applications therefor.]

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.