
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 372 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY SMUCKER, BREWSTER, EICHELBERGER, SCAVELLO,
MCGARRIGLE, SCHWANK, GREENLEAF, WILEY, HUGHES, COSTA, SMITH
AND RAFFERTY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in marriage license, repealing
3 provisions relating to waiting period after application; and
4 further 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8 Consolidated Statutes is repealed: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 if it
5 appears from properly completed applications on behalf of each
6 of the parties to the proposed marriage that there is no legal
7 objection to the marriage. [Except as provided by section
8 1303(b) (relating to waiting period after application), the
9 license shall not be issued prior to the third day following the
10 date of the most recent of the two applications therefor.]

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