

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MOUL, READSHAW, BERNSTINE, WHEELAND, PICKETT,  
BARRAR, MILLARD, WARNER AND NEILSON, MARCH 1, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 1, 2019

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8 Consolidated Statutes is repealed: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  
19 with the armed forces of the United States.]

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

2 § 1307. Issuance of license.

3 The marriage license shall be issued immediately following

4 the submission of an application for a marriage license 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.