

No. 152

AN ACT

HB 1715

Amending the act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344), entitled "An act relating to marriage; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," reducing certain age requirements.

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

Section 1. Clause (c) of section 5 and subsection (a) of section 11, act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344), known as "The Marriage Law," are amended to read:

Section 5. Restrictions on the Issue of Marriage License.—No license to marry shall be issued by any clerk of the orphans' court:

(c) If either of the applicants is under the age of [twenty-one] *eighteen* years, unless the consent of a parent or guardian of said applicant shall be personally given before the clerk, or be certified under the hand of a parent or guardian, attested by two adult witnesses, and, in the latter case, the signature of the parent or guardian shall be acknowledged before an officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments. When any such minor has no guardian, and a judge of the orphans' court is absent or not accessible for any reason, the clerk of the orphans' court, or a duly appointed assistant clerk of said court, may appoint for such minor a guardian pro hac vice.

Section 11. Form of Marriage Licenses; Marriage Certificates.—

(a) The marriage license as issued by the clerk of the orphans' court shall not be valid for a longer period than sixty days from the date of issue, and shall be in form substantially as follows to wit:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania }
County of } ss: No.

To any person authorized by law to solemnize marriage: You are hereby authorized to join together, in holy state of matrimony, according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, A.B., of full age and never heretofore married, and C.D. likewise of full age and never heretofore married.

Given under my hand and seal of the orphans' court of said county of, at, this day of, one thousand

If either of said parties is not of full age of [twenty-one] *eighteen* years, then in lieu of the words "of full age," his or her age shall be stated, and the fact of consent of parent or guardian shall likewise be

stated, and if either of said parties shall have been married previously to the issuing of such license, then in lieu of the words "never previously married" there shall be stated the number of times he or she shall have been previously married, and the mode by which said prior marriage or marriages was or were dissolved, the date or dates of divorce or death, and if by divorce, the cause thereof. If either of said parties is under the age of sixteen years and a judge of the orphans' court shall have authorized the license to be issued, then in lieu of the words "of full age," his or her age shall be stated, and the fact that a judge authorized the license to issue shall likewise be stated, in addition to the consent of a parent or a guardian.

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APPROVED—The 16th day of June, A.D. 1972

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 152.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.