

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 78

H. P. 57

House of Representatives, January 12, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Pertaining to Issuance of Marriage Licenses.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 62, 3rd sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 598, § 29, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

No such certificate shall be issued to a male or to a female under 18 years of age, without the written consent of that person's parents, guardians or persons to whom a court has given custody of that person first presented, if that person has any living.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA § 62, 4th sentence from the end is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

No certificate shall be issued to a person under 16 years of age without the written consent of that minor's parents, guardians or persons to whom a court has given custody of that minor first presented, if the minor has any living, and without that clerk, having received in writing, consent from the judge of probate in the county in which the minor resides. The judge of probate may, in the interest of public welfare, order that no such certificate shall be issued.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require the consent of the judge of probate prior to the issuance of a marriage license to anyone under 16 years of age. It also deletes the section that states that a license cannot be issued to anyone who is a pauper.