

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 967

House of Representatives, February 11, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Public Health. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Miss Clough of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Waiving of Pre-marital Blood Tests.

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

P. L., 1941, c. 202, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 202 of the public laws of 1941 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 2. Emergency provisions. Because of emergency or other cause shown by affidavit or other proof, ~~any justice of the superior court,~~ **the director of health or a state district health officer,** if satisfied that the public health and welfare will not be injuriously affected thereby, may make an order, in his discretion, on joint application of both of the parties desiring the marriage license, dispensing with the requirements of section 1 as to either or both of the parties, including the laboratory statement specified below, or, if the statement or statements provided for by such section have been filed, extending the 30-day period following the examination and test to not later than a day specified, which, however, shall be not more than 90 days after the examination and test. The order shall be accompanied by a memorandum in writing of the said ~~justice~~ **director of health or state district health officer** reciting his reasons for granting the order. Application for such extension may be made before, or on the expiration of such 30-day period. The order, and the accompanying memorandum, shall be filed with the town or city clerk, and he then shall accept and consider application for

the marriage license without the production or filing of any of the physician's statements dispensed with by the order, or shall accept and consider the application within any such extended period, as the case may be. The clerk shall hold such memorandum of ~~a judge or justice~~ **the director of health or a state district health officer** in absolute confidence.'