

HB 1260-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1260-FN***

AN ACT relative to marriage registration forms and delayed certificates of marriage.

SPONSORS: Rep. Dargie, Hills. 43; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes advance completion of the marriage application worksheet and imposes a fee for filing a delayed certificate of marriage.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to marriage registration forms and delayed certificates of marriage.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Marriage Registration Forms; Completion in Advance. Amend RSA 5-C:41, II to read as
2 follows:

3 II. The marriage application worksheet ***may be completed online or offline ahead of***
4 ***time, and*** shall be completed by the prospective bride and groom ***by signing it*** in the office of the
5 clerk of the town or city. ***The town or city clerk shall also sign the marriage application***
6 ***worksheet.*** The information supplied by the groom shall include his full name; his usual residence
7 by street and number, city, town or location, county and state; his birthplace; his date of birth; his
8 social security number; his father's full name; his father's birthplace; his mother's maiden name; and
9 his mother's birthplace. The information supplied by the bride shall include her full name and
10 maiden surname, if different; her usual residence by street and number, city, town or location,
11 county and state; her birthplace; her date of birth; her social security number; her father's full name;
12 her father's birthplace; her mother's maiden name; and, her mother's birthplace.

13 2 Marriage Registration Forms and Procedures; Delayed Certificate of Marriage Filing Fee.
14 Amend RSA 5-C:52, II to read as follows:

15 II. Registration of marriage pursuant to paragraph I requires that an application for a
16 delayed certificate of marriage be initiated by the bride, groom, or their legal representative with the
17 clerk of the town or city where the marriage license was allegedly issued. ***The filing fee for a***
18 ***delayed certificate of marriage shall be \$25 payable to the city or town clerk, to be retained***
19 ***by the city or town.*** To be acceptable for registration by the state registrar, the delayed certificate
20 of marriage shall be supported by a copy of the marriage worksheet application, if available,
21 obtained from the clerk of the town or city where the intentions were filed and at least 2 of the
22 following:

23 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1260-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None