

SB 269 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT removing references to matrimonial age and time waivers in the vital records act.

SPONSORS: Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Rep. Grossman, Rock. 11; Rep. Levesque, Straf. 4; Rep. Manos, Rock. 12; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill removes references to matrimonial age and time waivers in the vital records act.

This bill is at the request of the secretary of state.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 Marriage Registration Forms; Time Waivers Removed. Amend RSA 5-C:41, III to read as
2 follows:

3 III. The clerk of the town or city shall complete the following statistical and legal
4 information on the marriage application worksheet for both the ~~[bride and groom]~~ **applicants** with
5 information supplied by the ~~[bride and groom]~~ **applicants**: the number which represents ~~[of]~~ the
6 currently intended marriage; if previously married, whether a civil annulment occurred or the
7 marriage ended by death or divorce; the date of civil annulment or that the last marriage ended;
8 ~~[any waivers presented by the groom or the bride, either for time or age pursuant to RSA 457:4~~
9 ~~through RSA 457:9 or RSA 457:26 and RSA 457:27;]~~ whether proof of age of the ~~[bride and groom]~~
10 **applicants** was demonstrated using identification with photograph; if applicable, the divorce
11 decree; and, if applicable, the death record of the former spouse.

12 2 Marriage Registration Forms; Age Waivers Removed. Amend RSA 5-C:42, VIII to read as
13 follows:

14 VIII. ~~[When both applicants for a marriage license are nonresidents of New Hampshire,]~~
15 Both applicants shall be at least 18 years of age ~~[and]~~, in accordance with RSA ~~[457]~~ **457:4** ~~[, there~~
16 ~~shall be no provision for an age waiver if both applicants and his or her parents are nonresidents of~~
17 ~~New Hampshire].~~

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.