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SB 269 - FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL **269**

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

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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.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

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

1 252:1 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 information on  
4 the marriage application worksheet for both the ~~[bride and groom]~~ **applicants** with information supplied by  
5 the ~~[bride and groom]~~ **applicants**. the number which represents ~~[ø]~~ the currently intended marriage; if  
6 previously married, whether a civil annulment occurred or the marriage ended by death or divorce; the  
7 date of civil annulment or that the last marriage ended; ~~[any waivers presented by the groom or the bride,  
8 either for time or age pursuant to RSA 457:4 through RSA 457:9 or RSA 457:26 and RSA 457:27;]~~  
9 whether proof of age of the ~~[bride and groom]~~ **applicants** was demonstrated using identification with  
10 photograph; if applicable, the divorce decree; and, if applicable, the death record of the former spouse.

11 252:2 Marriage Registration Forms; Age Waivers Removed. Amend RSA 5-C:42, VIII to read as  
12 follows:

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

252:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved: July 15, 2025  
Effective Date: July 01, 2025