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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 458, L.D. 622, “An Act To Prohibit Marriage of Any Person under 18 Years of Age”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Prohibit Marriage of Any Person under 17 Years of Age'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §11 and c. 535, §1, is further amended to read:

8. Parties under 16 17 years of age. The clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics may not issue a marriage license to a person under ~~16~~ 17 years of age.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is a minority report of the committee.

Unlike the bill, it allows persons under the age of 18 to marry with written consent of parents, guardians and those to whom a court has given custody, or with consent of the probate court judge.

The minimum age is raised from the current law of 16 years of age to 17 years of age to be consistent with age requirements for enlisting in the military.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT