

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 276 - L.D. 443

An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 17 Years of Age

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §10, is further amended to read:

7. Parties ~~under 18~~ who are 17 years of age. A marriage license may not be issued to persons ~~under 18~~ who are 17 years of age without the written consent of their parents, guardians or persons to whom a court has given custody. In the absence of persons qualified to give consent, the judge of probate in the county where each minor resides may grant consent after notice and opportunity for hearing.

Sec. 2. 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.