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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 276, L.D. 443, “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-§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.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title.

Under current law, a marriage license may be issued to a person who is 16 or 17 years of age with the written consent of the person's parents or guardians or with the consent of the judge of probate in the county where the minor resides. This amendment continues to

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1 authorize the issuance of a marriage license to a person who is 17 years of age if the  
2 required consent is obtained but categorically prohibits the issuance of a marriage license  
3 to a person who is under 17 years of age.