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## Maine Town & City Clerks' Association

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Date: February 26, 2025

To: Senator Anne Carney, Senate Chair  
Representative Amy Kuhn, House Chair  
And members of the Judiciary Committee

From: Patti Dubois, Chairperson, Legislative Policy Committee  
Maine Town and City Clerks' Association

Re: LD 83 – An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of  
Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System

Position: SUPPORT

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association supports LD 83 and we thank you for the opportunity to outline our points for your Committee.

Members had no concerns about requiring that marriage intentions be scanned and attached in the vital records system. Clerks felt that allowing the parties of the marriage to file the marriage license after the ceremony is reasonable.

Clerks were strongly in support of the repeal of the requirement to provide a brochure to every couple filing marriage intentions, detailing the effects of alcohol and drugs on a fetus, since many marriages are for people of the same sex, beyond child-bearing years, unable to bear children due to medical issues or is not the first marriage.

The Maine Town & City Clerks' Association appreciates the opportunity to share its testimony with the Committee. Should any questions arise, please feel free to contact me at 207)680-4210 or by email: [pdubois@waterville-me.gov](mailto:pdubois@waterville-me.gov) .