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Testimony of Representative Amy D. Kuhn introducing

An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital records System

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Senator Carney and esteemed members of the Committee on Judiciary, I am Amy Kuhn, proudly representing House District 111 in the town of Falmouth. It is a pleasure to be with you today to introduce LD 83, "An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System."

This bill would clarify requirements for parties applying for and filing marriage licenses, including registrations that are objected to or that have been delayed. It also aligns current practices by requiring electronic filings, resulting in better access to more complete information.

In addition, the bill specifies that town clerks would no longer be required to provide a pamphlet about drug and alcohol consumption while pregnant to all couples filing for a marriage license. Notably, the bill would not prohibit a clerk from providing the brochure if the clerk wishes to do so and the couple wishes to accept it; it simply removes the requirement.

A representative from the Department of Health and Human Services will follow me to present more specifics on this bill, and I invite you to direct your questions to them.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to introduce this bill.