

By Senator Joyner

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to marriage of minors; amending s.  
3       741.0405, F.S.; revising provisions that allow the  
4       issuance of marriage licenses to persons younger than  
5       18 years of age in certain circumstances; removing  
6       exceptions that allow the issuance of a marriage  
7       license to persons younger than 16 years of age;  
8       conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
9       providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13       Section 1. Subsections (2) through (4) of section 741.0405,  
14 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15       741.0405 When marriage license may be issued to persons  
16 under 18 years.—

17       (2) The county court judge of any county in the state may~~7~~  
18 ~~in the exercise of his or her discretion,~~ issue a license to  
19 marry to a any male or female younger than ~~under the age of~~ 18  
20 years of age, but at least 16 years of age, upon application of  
21 both parties sworn under oath that they are the parents of a  
22 child.

23       (3) ~~If~~ When the fact of pregnancy is verified by the  
24 written statement of a licensed physician, the county court  
25 judge of any county in the state may~~7~~, ~~in his or her discretion,~~  
26 issue a license to marry:

27       (a) To a any male or female younger than ~~under the age of~~  
28 18 years of age, but at least 16 years of age, upon application  
29 of both parties sworn under oath that they are the expectant

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30 parents of a child; or

31 (b) To a any female younger than ~~under the age of~~ 18 years  
32 of age, but at least 16 years of age, and a male older than ~~over~~  
33 ~~the age of~~ 18 years of age upon the female's application sworn  
34 under oath that she is an expectant parent.

35 (4) A ~~No~~ license to marry may not ~~shall~~ be granted to a any  
36 person younger than ~~under the age of~~ 16 years of age, with or  
37 without the consent of the parents, ~~except as provided in~~  
38 ~~subsections (2) and (3).~~

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.