
By: **Delegate Boschert**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Marriage of ~~Individual Under the Age of 16 or 17 Years~~ Certain**
3 **Minors**

4 FOR the purpose of amending the requirements for marriage of ~~an individual of a~~
5 ~~certain age; repealing provisions of law permitting an individual of a certain age~~
6 ~~to marry upon presentation of a certain physician's certificate; repealing~~
7 ~~provisions of law allowing an individual under a certain age to marry under~~
8 ~~certain circumstances~~ certain minors; prohibiting an individual under a certain
9 age from marrying; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
10 relating to the marriage of an individual of a certain age.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Family Law
13 Section 2-301
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Family Law**

19 2-301.

20 (a) An individual 16 or 17 years old may not marry unless:

21 (1) ~~AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE,~~ the
22 individual has the ~~NOTARIZED WRITTEN~~ consent of a parent or guardian ~~{and} IN~~

1 ~~WHICH~~ the parent or guardian swears that the individual is at least 16 years old; ~~for}~~
2 ~~AND~~

3 (2) ~~{if the individual does not have the consent of a parent or guardian,~~
4 ~~either party to be married gives the clerk a certificate from a licensed physician~~
5 ~~stating that the physician has examined the woman to be married and has found that~~
6 ~~she is pregnant or has given birth to a child}~~ ~~IN A CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY, A~~
7 ~~PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR IS PRESENT AS A WITNESS.~~

8 (b) An individual ~~under the age of 16 years~~ 15 YEARS OLD may not marry
9 ~~{unless:~~

10 (1) the individual has the consent of a parent or guardian; and

11 (2) either party to be married gives the clerk a certificate from a licensed
12 physician stating that the physician has examined the woman to be married and has
13 found that she is pregnant or has given birth to a child}.

14 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 15 MAY NOT MARRY.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply only
16 to marriage applications filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 1999.