

# SENATE, No. 2399

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides, under certain circumstances, for immediate issuance of marriage and civil union licenses at the time license application is made.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning marriage and civil union licenses, and  
2 amending R.S.37:1-4.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.37:1-4 is amended to read as follows:

8 37:1-4. Issuance of marriage or civil union license,  
9 **[emergencies,]** validity.

10 Except as provided in R.S.37:1-6, the marriage or civil union  
11 license shall **[not]** be issued by a licensing officer **[sooner than 72**  
12 **hours after]** at the time the application **[therefor has been]** is made  
13 **;** provided, however, that the Superior Court may, by order, waive  
14 all or any part of said 72-hour period in cases of emergency, upon  
15 satisfactory proof being shown to it. Said order shall be filed with  
16 the licensing officer and attached to the application for the license**].**

17 A marriage or civil union license, when properly issued as  
18 provided in this article, shall be good and valid only for 30 days  
19 after the date of the issuance thereof.

20 (cf: P.L.2006, c.103, s.9)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill provides for the immediate issuance of marriage and  
28 civil union licenses at the time license application is made, except  
29 with respect to license applications by minors under the age of 18,  
30 for which parental or guardian consent, and in some cases court  
31 approval, is required for issuance. See R.S.37:1-6.

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**