

# HB 228 MARRIAGE LICENSE CHANGES

EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 2019

## UNDERAGE APPLICANTS

1. Remove parental consent to marry for under age 18 applicants, (There remains no provision in the law for underage applicants for reason of pregnancy.)
2. A 17-year-old may be issued a marriage license IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE MET:
  - A. A petition is granted in Juvenile court for emancipation and a certified copy of such order is presented.
  - B. 15 days have passed since the date the order granting emancipation was granted.
  - C. The older party to the marriage is no more than 4 years older than the younger party.
  - D. Applicants have completed premarital education according to § 19-3-30.1  
(There are additional counseling requirements for those 17 years old)

## PROOF OF AGE

19-3-36 is amended TO REQUIRE ALL APPLICANTS TO PRESENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF PROOF OF AGE. The provision not to have documentary evidence if the judge knows the applicant or if the applicant appears to be at least 25 years of age, and presents an affidavit of age is removed.

## SUMMARY

1. Effective July 1, 2019, No one under the age of 17 shall be issued a marriage license in the state of Georgia for any reason.
2. All marriage licenses applicants must present documented proof of age before a license can be issued.