

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3371**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for immediate issuance of marriage and civil union licenses.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/5/2024)**

1 AN ACT concerning marriage and civil union licenses and amending  
2 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 as follows:

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

10 The marriage or civil union license shall **[not]** be issued by a  
11 licensing officer **[sooner than 72 hours after]** immediately upon the  
12 filing of the application **[therefor has been made; provided,**  
13 however, that the Superior Court may, by order, waive all or any  
14 part of said 72-hour period in cases of emergency, upon satisfactory  
15 proof being shown to it. Said order shall be filed with the licensing  
16 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.2018, c.42, s.1)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## 25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires a marriage or civil union license to be issued  
28 immediately upon application.

29 Under current law, after a couple applies for a marriage or civil  
30 union license there is a 72-hour waiting period before the license  
31 can be issued by the licensing officer. The Superior Court may, by  
32 order, waive all or any part of the 72-hour period in cases of  
33 emergency, upon satisfactory proof being shown.

34 This bill would provide that a marriage or civil union license  
35 would be issued by the licensing officer immediately upon filing of  
36 the application.

**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.