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An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 18 Years of Age

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LEMELIN of
Chelsea, MATHIESON of Kittery, MORIARTY of Cumberland, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker
TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §10, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §11 and c. 535,
4 §1, is further amended to read:

5 **8. Parties under ~~16~~ 18 years of age.** The clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics
6 may not issue a marriage license to a person under ~~16~~ 18 years of age.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill amends the law to prohibit marriage of any person under 18 years of age.