

Amendment to HB 1516

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

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3 1 Marriage; Age. Amend RSA 457:4 to read as follows:

4 457:4 Marriageable. ~~[No person below the age of 16 years shall be capable of contracting a valid~~
5 ~~marriage, and all marriages contracted by such persons shall be null and void.]~~ ***No individual***
6 ***under the age of 18 shall be granted a marriage license. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a***
7 ***person who is 16 or 17 years of age, who has been emancipated pursuant to an order of***
8 ***emancipation under RSA 461-B, shall be capable of contracting a valid marriage.***

9 2 Prohibitions. Amend RSA 457:8 to read as follows:

10 457:8 Prohibitions. No town clerk shall issue any certificate for the marriage of any person
11 below the age of ~~[consent]~~ ***18***, and no magistrate or minister of religion shall solemnize the marriage
12 of any such person, if such clerk, magistrate or minister knows or has reasonable cause to believe
13 that such person is below such age, unless ~~[-permission for such marriage has been given under this~~
14 ~~subdivision]~~ ***the person presents a valid order of emancipation issued pursuant to RSA 461-***
15 ***B.*** No magistrate or minister of religion shall solemnize any marriage by proxy.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that, unless the person has been emancipated, the minimum age for marriage is 18 years of age.