

that the fact of an application for a marriage license may be revealed to the parent or guardian of either of the contracting parties prior to the time of the actual issue of a marriage license.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 5 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Marriages," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

5. Before the Clerk of any of the Courts aforesaid shall issue any license he shall examine one of the contracting parties to the marriage, under oath, who shall appear personally before the Clerk and make application for the same, and the Clerk shall ascertain; first, the full name of the parties; second, their place of residence; third, their age; fourth, their color; fifth, whether married or single; sixth, whether related or not, if so, in which degree of relationship; seventh, if ever divorced; which facts upon the payment of One Dollar (\$1.00) as an application fee shall be set out in printed form to be signed by the person making the application, and no such license to marry shall be delivered by the Clerk until after the expiration of forty-eight (48) hours from the time application is made therefor; provided, however, that any Judge of the Circuit Court of the county in which the application is made or, if made in Baltimore City, any judge of the Court of Common Pleas, for good and sufficient cause shown, may, by an order in writing signed by him, authorize the Clerk to deliver such license at any time after the application therefor, but such order shall not be signed unless one or both of the contracting parties are bona fide residents of Maryland, except where one of the contracting parties is a member of the armed forces of the United States. It shall be unlawful for the clerks of any of the courts aforesaid to make public the fact of an application for a marriage license until such license shall have been issued [.] *except to the parent or guardian of either of the contracting parties.*

**SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved April 13, 1951.