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(a) The clerk for the county in which a marriage ceremony is to be performed may issue AND DELIVER a license AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS MADE ~~TO THE PARTY WHO APPEARS BEFORE THE CLERK TO APPLY.~~

(d) (1) Except as provided in [subsection (e) of this section] PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, [the clerk may not deliver] a license IS NOT EFFECTIVE until [48 hours after the time an application is made or a notarized application is received] 6 A.M. ON THE SECOND CALENDAR DAY AFTER THE LICENSE IS ISSUED.

[(e)] (2) For good cause shown, a judge of the circuit court for the county in which the application is made may sign an authorization for [the clerk to deliver] a license TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AT A TIME before the [48-hour] waiting period expires, AS STATED IN THE AUTHORIZATION, if 1 of the parties to be married is:

[(1)] (I) a resident of this State; or

[(2)] (II) a member of the United States armed forces.

[(f)] (E) If, during the questioning of an applicant for a license, the clerk finds that there is a legal reason why the applicants should not be married, the clerk shall withhold the license unless ordered by the court to issue the license.

[(g)] (F) A license may be delivered personally or by mail to:

(1) either of the parties to be married; or

(2) ~~any authorized official, if in the application either of the parties to be married authorizes the delivery.] ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY EITHER OF THE PARTIES TO ACCEPT DELIVERY.~~

[(h)] ~~(F)~~ (G) (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide to each clerk:

(i) birth control information; and

(ii) a list of the family planning clinics located in the county where the license is issued.

(2) When the clerk issues a license, the clerk shall make the information and list available to each applicant for a license.

[(i)] ~~(G)~~ (H) (1) A clerk may not[

(i)] predate an application for a license[; or

(ii) deliver any license before the 48-hour waiting period expires, unless a judge of the circuit court for the county in which the application is made signs an authorization for the clerk to deliver the license before the waiting period expires].

(2) A clerk who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject: