

## CHAPTER 517

## MARRIAGE

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**517.03 PROHIBITED MARRIAGES.**

The following marriages are prohibited:

(a) A marriage entered into before the dissolution of an earlier marriage of one of the parties becomes final, as provided in section 518.145 or by the law of the jurisdiction where the dissolution was granted;

(b) A marriage between an ancestor and a descendant, or between a brother and a sister, whether the relationship is by the half or the whole blood or by adoption;

(c) A marriage between an uncle and a niece, between an aunt and a nephew, or between first cousins, whether the relationship is by the half or the whole blood, except as to marriages permitted by the established customs of aboriginal cultures;

provided, however, that mentally retarded persons committed to the guardianship of the commissioner of human services and mentally retarded persons committed to the conservatorship of the commissioner of human services in which the terms of the conservatorship limit the right to marry, may marry on receipt of written consent of the commissioner. The commissioner shall grant consent unless it appears from his investigation that the marriage is not in the best interest of the ward or conservatee and the public. The clerk of the district court in the county where the application for a license is made by the ward or conservatee shall not issue the license unless he has received a signed copy of the consent of the commissioner of human services.

**History:** 1985 c 21 s 67

**517.08 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.**

*[For text of subd 1a, see M.S.1984]*

Subd. 1b. **Term of license; fee.** The clerk shall examine upon oath the party applying for a license relative to the legality of the contemplated marriage. If at the expiration of a five-day period, he is satisfied that there is no legal impediment to it, he shall issue the license, containing the full names of the parties before and after marriage, and county and state of residence, with the district court seal attached, and make a record of the date of issuance. The license shall be valid for a period of six months. In case of emergency or extraordinary circumstances, a judge of the county court or a judge of the district court of the county in which the application is made, may authorize the license to be issued at any time before the expiration of the five days. The clerk shall collect from the applicant a fee of \$45 for administering the oath, issuing, recording, and filing all papers required, and preparing and transmitting to the state registrar of vital statistics the reports of marriage required by this section. If the license should not be used within the period of six months due to illness or other extenuating circumstances, it may be surrendered to the clerk for cancellation, and in that case a new license shall issue upon request of the parties of the original license without fee. A clerk who knowingly issues or signs a marriage license in any manner other than as provided in this section shall pay to the parties aggrieved an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

Subd. 1c. **Disposition of license fee.** Of the marriage license fee collected pursuant to subdivision 1b, the clerk shall pay \$30 to the state treasurer to be deposited in the special revenue fund to be used as follows: \$6.75 is appropriated to the commissioner of corrections for the purposes of funding grant programs for emergency shelter services and support services to battered women under sections 611A.31 to 611A.36, and \$23.25 is appropriated to the commissioner of economic security for displaced homemaker programs under section 4.40. The commissioner of economic security may use money appropriated in this subdivision for the administration of a displaced homemaker program regardless of the date on which the program was established.

**History:** *1Sp1985 c 9 art 2 s 95,96*