



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 6729



Offered by:

- REP. TONG, 147th Dist.
- REP. REBIMBAS, 70th Dist.
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5442

File No. 576

Cal. No. 378

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGAL AGE TO MARRY IN THIS STATE."

1 Strike lines 15 to 30, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) A license may be issued to a minor who is at least sixteen years
4 of age but under eighteen years of age with the approval of the Probate
5 Court as provided in this subsection. A parent or guardian of a minor
6 may, on behalf of the minor, petition the Probate Court for the district
7 in which the minor resides seeking approval for the issuance of a
8 license to such minor. The court shall schedule a hearing on the
9 petition and give notice to the minor, the minor's parents or guardians
10 and to the other party to the intended marriage. The minor and the
11 petitioning parent or guardian shall be present at such hearing. The
12 court may, in its discretion, require the other party to the intended

13 marriage to be present at such hearing. After a hearing on the petition,
14 the court may approve the issuance of a license to the minor if the
15 court finds that: (1) The petitioning parent or guardian consents to the
16 marriage; (2) the minor consents to the marriage and such consent is
17 based upon an understanding of the nature and consequences of
18 marriage; (3) the minor has sufficient capacity to make such a decision;
19 (4) the minor's decision to marry is made voluntarily and free from
20 coercion; and (5) the marriage would not be detrimental to the minor."