
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5412

AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION AND CITIZENSHIP STATUS INFORMATION REQUESTED IN OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the registrar of vital statistics from (1) enquiring about a marriage license applicant's citizenship or immigration status and (2) requiring an applicant to provide his or her Social Security number. Current law requires the registrar to record applicants' Social Security number in the "administrative purposes" section of the license.

Under the bill, marriage license applicants may provide their Social Security numbers for identification purposes. If they choose to do so, the bill requires the registrar to record it in the "administrative purposes" section of the license.

The bill makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

BACKGROUND

Marriage License Application Requirements

Existing law prohibits the registrar from issuing a marriage license unless both people apply for it in person. The license must be completed in its entirety; dated, signed, and sworn to by each applicant; and must state each applicant's name, age, birthplace, residence; and whether single, widowed, or divorced or under a conservatorship or guardianship (CGS § 46b-25).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 10 (03/26/2024)