



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 452**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5412

*House of Representatives, April 11, 2024*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. STAFSTROM of the 129th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 No license may be issued by the registrar until both persons have  
4 appeared before the registrar and made application for a license. The  
5 registrar shall issue a license to any two persons eligible to marry under  
6 this chapter. The license shall be completed in its entirety, dated, signed  
7 and sworn to by each applicant and shall state each applicant's name,  
8 age, birthplace, residence, whether single, widowed or divorced and  
9 whether under the supervision or control of a conservator or guardian.  
10 [The Social Security numbers of both persons shall be recorded] If an  
11 applicant chooses to provide the registrar with a Social Security number  
12 for purposes of identifying such applicant, the registrar shall record  
13 such number in the "administrative purposes" section of the license. No  
14 registrar may (1) require an applicant to provide such applicant's Social

15 Security number, or (2) enquire about an applicant's citizenship or  
 16 immigration status. If the license is signed and sworn to by the  
 17 applicants on different dates, the later date shall be deemed the date of  
 18 application.

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-137a of the general statutes is  
 20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
 21 *1, 2024*):

22 (a) The Social Security number of the applicant shall be recorded on  
 23 each (1) application for a license, certification or permit to engage in a  
 24 profession or occupation regulated pursuant to the provisions of title  
 25 19a, 20 or 21; and (2) application for a commercial driver's license or  
 26 commercial driver's instruction permit completed pursuant to  
 27 subsection (a) of section 14-44c. [; and (3) application for a marriage  
 28 license made under section 46b-25.] If an applicant for a marriage license  
 29 chooses to provide a Social Security number for purposes of identifying  
 30 such applicant pursuant to section 46b-25, as amended by this act, such  
 31 number shall be recorded on the application.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	46b-25
Sec. 2	October 1, 2024	17b-137a(a)

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which prohibits registrars of vital statistics from enquiring about a marriage license applicant's citizenship or immigration status and requiring an applicant to provide a Social Security number, does not result in a fiscal impact as it is not anticipated to alter the number of individuals seeking marriage licenses annually.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**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)