

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 418
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, waiver of the seventy two hour waiting period after issuance of a marriage license is strictly for military personnel and does not include any affiliates of the United States Department of Defense.

House Bill 418 allows a waiver for the 72-hour waiting period for all employees and contracted workers of the United States Department of Defense.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

- SECTION 1:** Amends Section 2.204(b), Family Code, to include employees of and people contracted by the United States Department of Defense as an exception to the mandatory 72-hour waiting period.
- SECTION 2:** This Act applies to any license issued on or after the effective date.
- SECTION 3:** The Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005.