

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exception to the 72-hour waiting period for a
3 marriage ceremony for certain individuals.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 2.204(b), Family Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) The 72-hour waiting period after issuance of a marriage
8 license does not apply to an applicant who:

9 (1) is a member of the armed forces of the United
10 States and on active duty; ~~or~~

11 (2) is not a member of the armed forces of the United
12 States but performs work for the United States Department of
13 Defense as a department employee or under a contract with the
14 department; or

15 (3) obtains a written waiver under Subsection (c).

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
17 marriage license issued on or after the effective date of this Act.
18 A marriage license issued before the effective date of this Act is
19 governed by the law in effect on the date the license was issued,
20 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 418 was passed by the House on April 26, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 418 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor