

February 3, 1961.  
Judiciary 1.

**House File 269**  
By DIETZ and KNOWLES.

Passed House, Date 3-24-61  
Vote: Ayes 75 Nays 3

Passed Senate, Date 5-2-61  
Vote: Ayes 48 Nays 0

Approved.....  
*Note Recommended 3-30-61*

*Ayes 102 Nays 2*

# A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the minimum age of marriage.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-five point two
- 2 (595.2), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:
- 3 1. By striking in line two (2) the word "sixteen" and
- 4 inserting in lieu thereof the word "eighteen".
- 5 2. By striking in line two (2) the word "fourteen" and
- 6 inserting in lieu thereof the word "sixteen".

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 269

This bill increases the minimum age at which a person may be married in Iowa from age 14 to age 16 for a female and from age 16 to age 18 for a male. The bill will make the Iowa law in this respect more uniform with the laws of surrounding states.

### HOUSE FILE 269

- 1 Amend House File 269 by adding the following:
- 2 3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the district court may,
- 3 when application is made by parties, one or both of whom are
- 4 under the age thus fixed and the female of whom is pregnant,
- 5 grant an order authorizing issuance of a marriage license by
- 6 the clerk of the district court to said applicants and the
- 7 marriage under such license shall be valid. The records of the
- 8 court which pertain to such condition of pregnancy shall be
- 9 sealed and available only to the contracting parties or to any
- 10 interested party securing an order of court.

Filed  
March 27, 1961.

RILEY of Linn.  
DIETZ of Scott.  
KNOWLES of Scott.  
STANLEY of Muscatine.  
DENMAN of Polk.  
ELY of Linn.

*Amended  
3-30-61*

