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Vote: Ayes 80 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 41 Nays 0

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*Motion to reconsider 6/15*

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the age requirement for marriage.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

3 Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-five point two  
4 (595.2), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

5 595.2 AGE. A marriage between a male of eighteen and a  
6 female of sixteen years of age is valid; but if either party  
7 has not attained the age thus fixed, the marriage will be a  
8 nullity or not, at the option of such party, made known at any  
9 time before he or she is six months older than the age thus  
10 fixed.

11 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the district court may, when  
12 application is made by parties, one or both of whom are under  
13 the age thus fixed and the female of whom is pregnant or,  
14 having given birth to, is still in custody of a child, grant  
15 an order authorizing issuance of a marriage license by the clerk  
16 of the district court to said applicants and the marriage under  
17 such license shall be valid. The records of the court which  
18 pertain to such condition of pregnancy shall be sealed and  
19 available only to the contracting parties or to any interested  
20 party securing an order of court.

### 21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill permits a female under the legal age for marriage  
23 to apply to a district court for permission to marry on the  
24 grounds that she has given birth to and is still in custody of  
25 a child or children.