

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 422

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

MARRIAGE/LICENSE: Provides relative to the authority to perform a marriage ceremony

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:202(1), relative to authority to perform a marriage ceremony;  
3 to require a religious official to have attained the age of majority before being  
4 authorized to perform a marriage ceremony; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:202(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §202. Authority to perform marriage ceremony

8 A marriage ceremony may be performed by:

9 (1) A priest, minister, rabbi, clerk of the Religious Society of Friends, or any  
10 clergyman of any religious sect, who has attained the age of majority and is  
11 authorized by the authorities of his religion to perform marriages, and who is  
12 registered to perform marriages;

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires a religious official to have attained the age of majority to have legal authority to perform a marriage ceremony.

Present law authorizes certain religious officials to perform marriage ceremonies when authorized by the authorities of his religion and when he is registered to perform marriages.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the religious official to have attained the age of majority.

(Amends R.S. 9:202(1))