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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2484

Offered January 23, 1995

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 20-16 of the Code of Virginia, relating to requirements for issuance of marriage licenses.*

Patron—McClure

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 20-16 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 20-16. Requirements for issuance of license; oath of parties before clerk and issuance of certificates thereof.

A. The clerk issuing any marriage license shall before issuing the license require the parties contemplating marriage to state, under oath, or by affidavit or affidavits filed with him, made by the parties for whom the application is made, before a person qualified to take acknowledgments or administer oaths, the information required to complete the marriage record. Such clerk shall make two certificates thereof and deliver them, together with the license, to the person entitled thereto. For the purposes of this section any statement made by such applicant, under oath, concerning the information to be entered on the record is hereby declared to be a material matter or thing in any prosecution for perjury for any violation of this ~~section~~ subsection.

B. Before issuing any marriage license when either party is an unemancipated minor, the clerk shall also require the parties to submit to him a writing certifying that the parties have received at least two hours of marriage counseling. The counseling and certificate shall be provided by any counselor licensed pursuant to Chapter 35, 36 or 37 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia or any person exempted from licensure as enumerated in § 54.1-3501.

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