

# SENATE BILL NO. 246

March 23, 2023, Introduced by Senators VICTORY, HUIZENGA, JOHNSON, GEISS, CHANG, BAYER, POLEHANKI, IRWIN, SANTANA, SHINK, MCMORROW, CHERRY, KLINEFELT, HERTEL and ANTHONY and referred to the Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1919 PA 160, entitled  
"An act to release legally married minors from parental control and to determine their marital rights and duties,"  
by amending section 1 (MCL 551.251).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. **(1)** ~~Hereafter~~**For a marriage entered into before the**  
2 **effective date of the amendatory act that added subsection (2),** the  
3 legal marriage of a minor ~~shall release such~~**releases that** minor  
4 from parental control. ~~;~~~~and the~~**The** husband or wife of a minor, so  
5 released, ~~shall be~~**is** entitled to the same rights, benefits, and

1 privileges, and ~~such-the~~ minor ~~shall-be~~ **is** subject to the same  
2 duties, liabilities, and responsibilities, as ~~such-the~~ husband or  
3 wife, as if ~~such-the~~ minor husband or wife were of legal age at the  
4 time of ~~such-the~~ marriage.

5 (2) ~~Hereafter it shall be~~ **It is** unnecessary in any divorce  
6 ~~suit-action~~ commenced by or against a legally married minor to have  
7 a next friend or guardian ad litem appointed for ~~such-that~~ minor  
8 unless the ~~circuit judge shall require it;~~ and ~~such-judge requires~~  
9 **it. A** minor ~~shall-be~~ **is** entitled to prosecute or defend ~~any-such~~  
10 **the** action in the same manner and with the same effect as if he or  
11 she were of legal age.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
13 unless all of the following bills of the 102nd Legislature are  
14 enacted into law:

15 (a) Senate Bill No. 209.

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17 (b) Senate Bill No. 210.

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19 (c) Senate Bill No. 211.

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21 (d) Senate Bill No. 212.

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