

Act No. 123
Public Acts of 2023
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
102ND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023**

Introduced by Reps. Coffia, Hope, Brixie, Young, Hill, Grant, Breen, Byrnes, Hoskins, Morgan,
Skaggs, Paiz, Brabec and McKinney

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4296

AN ACT 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:

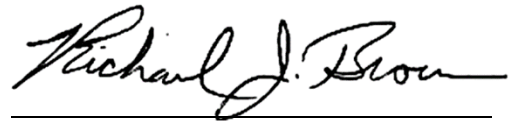
Sec. 1. (1) For a marriage entered into in this state before the effective date of the amendatory act that added subsection (2), the legal marriage of a minor releases that minor from parental control. The husband or wife of a minor, so released, is entitled to the same rights, benefits, and privileges, and the minor is subject to the same duties, liabilities, and responsibilities, as the husband or wife, as if the minor husband or wife were of legal age at the time of the marriage.

(2) It is unnecessary in any divorce action commenced by or against a legally married minor to have a next friend or guardian ad litem appointed for that minor unless the judge requires it. A minor is entitled to prosecute or defend the action in the same manner and with the same effect as if he or she were of legal age.

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

- (a) Senate Bill No. 209.
- (b) Senate Bill No. 212.
- (c) House Bill No. 4294.
- (d) House Bill No. 4295.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____

Governor