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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Barker and the Committee on Federal and State Affairs
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 26, 2021
RE: House Bill 2422

HB 2422 amends K.S.A. 23-2505 concerning age of consent for marriage. Under current law, a marriage license is prohibited from being issued to any person under the age of 18 unless:

- (1) The person is at least 15 years of age and a judge gives consent based on a determination that it is in the best interest of the person; or
- (2) The person is 16 or 17 years of age and either all living parents or legal guardians consent or at least one parent or guardian and the judge consent to the marriage.

HB 2422 would strike these exceptions and just require that an individual be 18 years of age to obtain a marriage license.