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SYNOPSIS
Provides, under certain circumstances, for immediate issuance of marriage and civil union licenses at the time license application is made.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 28, 2011, with amendments.

AN ACT concerning marriage and civil union licenses, and amending R.S.37:1-4.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. R.S.37:1-4 is amended to read as follows:
   37:1-4. Issuance of marriage or civil union license, [emergencies,] validity.
   
   Except as provided in R.S.37:1-6, the marriage or civil union license shall [not] be issued by a licensing officer [sooner than 72 hours after] at the time the application [therefor has been] is made [; provided, however, that the Superior Court may, by order, waive all or any part of said 72-hour period in cases of emergency, upon satisfactory proof being shown to it. Said order shall be filed with the licensing officer and attached to the application for the license]. ¹The requirements of this section shall not require the licensing officer to maintain additional days or hours of operation beyond the officer’s ordinarily scheduled operating periods. ¹
A marriage or civil union license, when properly issued as provided in this article, shall be good and valid only for 30 days after the date of the issuance thereof.
(cf: P.L.2006, c.103, s.9)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.