

## CHAPTER 23

**AN ACT** concerning fees for issuing marriage and civil union licenses and makes an appropriation.

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

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.37:1-12, section 1 of P.L.1981, c.382 (C.37:1-12.1), or any other law to the contrary, for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, a licensing officer shall not charge or collect a fee for issuing a marriage or civil union license from a marriage license or civil union license applicant.

2. The State shall reimburse a municipality for the fees authorized by R.S.37:1-12 which have been suspended by the provisions of section 1 of this act. To assist in the reimbursements authorized by this section, the Office of Vital Statistics and Registry in the Department of Health shall provide to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs marriage certificates submitted to the office by municipalities.

3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of the Treasury an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, for the purpose of reimbursing municipalities pursuant to section 2 of this act.

4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022 and shall expire on June 30, 2023.

Approved June 30, 2022.