

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the insertion of certain language in marriage license applications.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That chapter 25-1 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The application for a marriage license shall contain the following statement:

"The laws of this state affirm your right to enter into this marriage and at the same time to live within the marriage free from violence and abuse. Neither of you is the property of the other. Physical abuse, sexual abuse, battery, and assault of a spouse or other family member, as well as other provisions of the criminal laws of this state, are applicable to spouses and other family members and violations thereof are punishable by law."

The application shall contain a separate line for the signatures of the applicants verifying that the applicants have read and understand the statement.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1252

Chief Clerk

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1252

File No. _____

Chapter No. _____

Received at this Executive Office this ____ day of _____ ,

19__ at ____ M.

By _____
for the Governor

The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 19__

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
ss.
Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____ , 19__
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State