AN ACT to amend 765.09 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to: requiring every applicant for a marriage license to present a certified copy of a birth certificate.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 765.09 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

765.09 (3) (b) Each applicant for a marriage license under 30 years of age shall exhibit to the clerk a certified copy of a birth certificate, and each applicant shall submit a copy of any judgment or death certificate affecting the applicant’s marital status. If any applicable birth certificate, death certificate or judgment is unobtainable, other satisfactory documentary proof of the requisite facts therein may be presented in lieu of the birth certificate, death certificate or judgment. Whenever the clerk is not satisfied with the documentary proof presented, he or she shall submit the presented proof to a judge of a court of record in the county of application for an opinion as to its sufficiency.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to marriage licenses for which application is made on the effective date of this subsection.