

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2,  
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 83**

December 21, 1999 – Offered by Representative STASKUNAS.

1           At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2           **1.** Page 1, line 4: after “marriage” insert “, requiring premarital counseling to  
3 obtain a marriage license”.

4           **2.** Page 3, line 1: before that line insert:

5           “**SECTION 1c.** 765.09 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           **765.09** (title) **Identification of parties; statement of qualifications;**  
7 **proof of premarital counseling.**”.

8           **3.** Page 3, line 1: delete “**SECTION 1**” and substitute “**SECTION 1g**”.

9           **4.** Page 4, line 3: after that line insert:

10           “**SECTION 1m.** 765.09 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

11           765.09 (**3m**) Subject to s. 765.26 (1) (bm), the clerk may not issue a marriage  
12 license unless the parties have received at least 2 hours of premarital counseling and  
13 present to the clerk a notarized attestation, signed by the person who provided the

1 counseling, confirming that the parties received the counseling required under this  
2 subsection. The counseling may be provided by a marriage and family therapist, a  
3 professional counselor, a member of the clergy or a person designated by a member  
4 of the clergy and shall include at least one hour of instruction related to the parenting  
5 of children and at least one hour of instruction related to marriage issues. If the clerk  
6 issues a marriage license to the parties under s. 765.12, the clerk shall attach the  
7 attestation to the marriage license.”.

8 **5.** Page 7, line 13: after that line insert:

9 “(bm) If the person who provided the counseling under par. (b) 2. also provided  
10 the counseling required under s. 765.09 (3m), the parties may submit to the clerk for  
11 attachment to the marriage license one notarized attestation that confirms that the  
12 counseling provided to the parties satisfies both requirements.”.

13 **6.** Page 13, line 13: after that line insert:

14 **“SECTION 16m. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) **PREMARITAL COUNSELING REQUIREMENT.** The treatment of section 765.09  
16 (title) and (3m) of the statutes first applies to marriage licenses applied for on the  
17 effective date of this subsection.”.

18 **(END)**