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2013 Wisconsin Act 372 [2013 Assembly Bill 429]	Requirements for Persons Officiating at a Marriage

2013 Wisconsin Act 372 makes two changes relating to the requirements for persons officiating at a marriage in Wisconsin. First, under **prior law**, there was no minimum age required of persons who officiate at a marriage. **The Act** generally requires that a person who officiates at a marriage must be at least 18 years old. The Act does not apply that age requirement to situations in which the two persons marrying "officiate" for themselves by mutual declaration.

Second, **prior law** required certain out-of-state persons who wished to officiate at a marriage in Wisconsin to obtain a letter of sponsorship from a member of the clergy of the same religious denomination or church society in this state. **The Act** repeals that requirement.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov.

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