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Reduce Marriage Fee Educator's Statement

According to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 517

Instructions: The names of the applicants in the Educator's Statement must be identical to the legal names of the Applicants as they appear in the marriage license application

"I, _____, confirm that _____ and _____
(Name of Educator) (Applicant 1's complete name)
(Applicant 2's complete name) received at least 12 hours of premarital education that included

The use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills. I am licensed or ordained minister, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under Minnesota Statutes, section 517.18 or a person licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under Minnesota States, section 148B.33"

Date _____ (Signature of Educator)

Phone Number (____) _____ (Address of Educator)

Document must be notarized

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____ **(date)**

By _____ **(name(s) of person(s).**
Educator's Name

Signature of Notarial official

Title and Rank

My commission expires

EDUCATOR'S STATEMENT

(MS 517.08 subd 1)

Requirements of Educator's Statement are set out in statute and are as follows:

- a. Must be on the Educator's Letterhead (new)
- b. Educator's signature must be notarized (new)
- c. Must have completed 12 hours of education not completing or are taking
- d. Educators Statement must be presented at time of application, No refunds given
- e. Education must be provided by a licensed or ordained minister or designee authorized to solemnize marriages under MS 517.18 or licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under MS 1488.33
- f. Local Registrar must retain Educator's Statement for 7 years
- g. Legal Names of both applicants must be on Educator's statement and these names must be identical to the names on the marriage application.

Statute specifically requires the following wording be used on the Educator's Statement:

The statement from the person who provided the premarital education under paragraph (b) must be in the following form: "/, (name of educator), confirm that (names of 2both parties) received at least 12 hours of premarital education that included the use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills. I am a licensed or ordained minister, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under Minnesota Statutes, section 517.18, or a person licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under Minnesota Statutes, section 1488.33. "

MS 517.08 subd 1 (c)(d)

(c) The marriage license fee for parties who have completed at least 12 hours of premarital education is \$40. In order to qualify for the reduced license fee, the parties must submit at the time of applying for the marriage license a signed, dated, and notarized statement from the person who provided the premarital education on their letterhead confirming that it was received. The premarital education must be provided by a licensed or ordained minister or the minister's designee, a person authorized to solemnize marriages 6Under section 517.18, or a person authorized to practice marriage and family therapy under section 148B.33. The education must include the use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills.

(d) *The statement from the person who provided the premarital education under paragraph (b) must be in the following form: "/, (name of educator), confirm that (names of 2both parties) received at least 12 hours of premarital education that included the use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills. I am a licensed or ordained minister, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under Minnesota Statutes, section 517.18, or a person licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under Minnesota Statutes, section 1488.33."* The names of the parties in the educator's statement must be identical to the legal names of the parties as they appear in the marriage license application. Notwithstanding section 138.17, the educator's statement must be retained for seven years, after which time it may be destroyed.