

**LEGAL STATUS OF MARRIED MINORS**  
**Act 160 of 1919**

AN ACT to release legally married minors from parental control and to determine their marital rights and duties.

**History:** 1919, Act 160, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**551.251 Legal marriage of minor; parental and marital rights and duties; guardian ad litem.**

Sec. 1. Hereafter the legal marriage of a minor shall release such minor from parental control; and the husband or wife of a minor, so released, shall be entitled to the same rights, benefits and privileges, and such minor shall be subject to the same duties, liabilities and responsibilities, as such husband or wife, as if such minor husband or wife were of legal age at the time of such marriage.

Hereafter it shall be unnecessary in any divorce suit commenced by or against a legally married minor to have a next friend or guardian ad litem appointed for such minor unless the circuit judge shall require it; and such minor shall be entitled to prosecute or defend any such action in the same manner and with the same effect as if he or she were of legal age.

**History:** 1919, Act 160, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 12722;—Am. 1945, Act 215, Eff. Sept. 6, 1945;—CL 1948, 551.251.

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