

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Department of Public Health
Registry of Vital Records and Statistics

When filing a Notice of Intention of Marriage, both parties to the intended marriage are required to sign the Intention under oath. (See G.L. c. 207 §19 and 20)

Whoever violates any provision of G.L. c. 207 §20, and whoever falsely swears or affirms in making any statement required under G.L. c. 207 §20, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100. (G.L. c. 207 §52)

LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO MARRIAGE

(Prepared under G.L. c. 207 §37)

No party shall marry their mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, stepmother, grandfather's wife, grandson's wife, wife's mother, wife's grandmother, wife's daughter, wife's granddaughter, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's sister or mother's sister. (G.L. c. 207 §1)

No party shall marry their father, grandfather, son, grandson, brother, stepfather, grandmother's husband, daughter's husband, granddaughter's husband, husband's grandfather, husband's son, husband's grandson, brother's son, sister's son, father's brother or mother's brother. (G.L. c. 207 §2)

A marriage contracted while either party thereto has a wife or husband living shall be void, except as provided in Section 6 of Chapter 207 for removing the impediment by divorce or by death of the former spouse. (G.L. c. 207 §6)

The marriage of a person under the age of 18 is prohibited. (G.L. c.207 §§7, 24 and 25)