



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Vital Records Section

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO REGISTRARS OF VITAL RECORDS

October 24, 2008

Dear Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Records,

As of today, the Department of Public Health Vital Records office is unable to provide you the exact implementation date of the Connecticut Supreme Court's ruling in *Kerrigan v. Commissioner of Department of Public Health*. As was noted in the statement issued by the Attorney General's Office on October 10, 2008, "the decision is effective October 28, 2008 and requires further action by the Superior Court before it can be implemented." The process requires the Superior Court to issue orders implementing the Supreme Court's ruling. The case will be remanded back to the Superior Court on October 28, 2008. Due to the nature of this process, the exact implementation date is not known at this time.

The marriage license has been revised** and has been forwarded to the vendor for printing. Unfortunately, the vendor has confirmed that the form will not be available until October 29, 2008. We intend to mail the forms to your office on October 29, 2008, along with a Fact Sheet outlining the instructions for completing, issuing and filing the marriage certificates. The Fact Sheet will also serve to answer questions related to any applicable age requirements, potential refusal of those authorized to perform the services, the validity of civil unions, requirements for dissolution of civil unions, and recognition of out of state same sex marriages.

If you would like to make arrangements to pick up the revised certificates, on October 29, 2008, in lieu of the forms being mailed, please contact Merelin Solivan at 860-509-7896 via telephone or at merelin.solivan@ct.gov.

If the court issues an implementation date of October 28, 2008, we will attempt to make other arrangements for disseminating the revisions to you. We will keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Frugale
Registrar of Vital Records
860-509-7895

***Please Note: The format and content of the marriage license and certificate has changed significantly and will require the removal and destruction of your current marriage license and certificate supplies when the implementation date is determined and effective. For those using a software program, the programs will need to be changed to incorporate the revisions to the form.



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