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## I. INTRODUCTION

The production of new statutes by the Florida Legislature has continued to increase in 1977, but the quality of the output seems to be inversely proportional to the quantity. Too frequently the creation, amendment and repeal of statutes covering the same area of law is accomplished by separate legislative enactments, resulting in uncertainty and confusion. A prime example of this problem arose in the family law area this year. The legislature repealed<sup>1</sup> section 741.06 of the Florida Statutes (1975), which prohibited the issuance of a marriage license to males under the age of eighteen years or females under the age of sixteen years, regardless of parental consent, unless the minor was a parent or expectant parent of a child. The same statute was also amended in a separate act<sup>2</sup> to

1. 1977 Fla. Laws, ch. 77-19, § 2 (repealing FLA. STAT. § 741.06 (1975)).

2. *Id.* ch. 77-121, § 65 (amending FLA. STAT. § 741.06 (1975)).