

Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 601.

This bill requires the clerks of the circuit courts to keep divorce decrees readily accessible in some permanent form. Further, it abolishes the \$1 fee for recording divorces and the \$100 fine a clerk is subject to for failure to record a divorce.

Senate Bill 294, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 9, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 601.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 601**

AN ACT concerning

**Clerks of the Circuit Courts – Divorce Decrees**

FOR the purpose of requiring clerks of the circuit courts to ~~keep certain records of divorce decrees in a certain manner; eliminating a requirement that certain records be kept in some permanent form~~ record all final decrees in proceedings for divorce in that county and keep the record readily accessible in some permanent form; eliminating a certain permissive fee and provisions related to this fee; eliminating a criminal penalty; and generally relating to records of divorce decrees maintained by clerks of the circuit courts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 7-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Family Law**

7-106.