

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

2-404.

(a) (1) The fee for a license is \$10.

(2) The clerk shall:

(i) retain \$5 of the fee; and

(ii) pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

(3) (i) A party to be married may obtain a replacement for a valid marriage license while the license is valid.

(ii) The fee for a replacement license is \$10, payable into the General Fund of the State.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section:

(1) any county or group of 2 or more counties may set an additional fee of up to \$25 for each license; and

(2) the proceeds shall be used to fund domestic violence programs.

(1) In Howard County:

(1) the County Council may set by resolution an additional fee [as authorized in this section] OF UP TO \$50 for each license;

(2) the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the Director of Finance of the county each month;

(3) the proceeds, in addition to designated federal, State, and county funds, shall be used to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs established under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article; and

(4) the County Executive shall prepare and make available an annual report on or before December 1 of each year on the disposition of fees collected under this subsection during the previous fiscal year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Enacted May 26, 2006.