

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code also notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that subsection (i) of this section does not apply to deputy clerks.

Defined terms: "Authorized official" § 2-101  
"Clerk" § 2-101 "County" § 1-101  
"License" § 2-101

2-406. PERFORMANCE OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

(A) AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS.

A MARRIAGE CEREMONY MAY BE PERFORMED IN THIS STATE BY:

(1) ANY OFFICIAL OF A RELIGIOUS ORDER OR BODY AUTHORIZED BY THE RULES AND CUSTOMS OF THAT ORDER OR BODY TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY;

(2) ANY CLERK; OR

(3) ANY DEPUTY CLERK DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY.

(B) PERIOD DURING WHICH MARRIAGE CEREMONY MAY BE PERFORMED.

WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER A LICENSE IS ISSUED, ANY AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL MAY PERFORM THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY OF THE INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN THE LICENSE.

(C) PERFORMANCE OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY BY UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL.

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$500.

(D) PERFORMANCE OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS WITHIN PROHIBITED DEGREES.

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT KNOWINGLY PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PROHIBITED FROM MARRYING UNDER § 2-202 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$500.

(E) PERFORMANCE OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITHOUT LICENSE.