

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITHOUT A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500.

(F) CEREMONY PERFORMED BY A CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY SHALL DESIGNATE:

(1) WHEN AND WHERE THE CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK MAY PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY; AND

(2) THE FORM OF THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY TO BE RECITED BY THE CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK AND THE PARTIES BEING MARRIED.

(G) FORMS OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND CUSTOMS OF THE DENOMINATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 62, § 3A(a), (b), and (d), the first clause of the third paragraph of § 4, and the first and second clauses of the first paragraph of § 15 and former Article 27, §§ 392 and 394.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former phrase "minister of the Gospel" is deleted as included in the clause "official of a religious order or body authorized by the rules and customs of that order or body to perform a marriage".

In subsections (a)(3) and (f) of this section, the phrase "county administrative" judge is substituted for the former term "resident" judge and for the former phrases, "senior judge of the circuit court resident in the county", and "senior judge", for clarity and to conform to the language used in Maryland Rule 1200. See the last paragraph of this Revisor's Note.

In subsections (c)(1), (d)(1), and (e)(1) of this section, the phrase "perform a marriage ceremony" is substituted for the former references to "celebrate the rites of marriage", "marry", and "join persons in marriage" to conform to the language used throughout this title.

In subsections (c)(2), (d)(2), and (e)(2) of this section, the phrase "is guilty of a misdemeanor" is new language added for clarity.