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CHAPTER 568

(Senate Bill 191)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Courts – Appearance Fees

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the appearance fee ~~to be collected when filing~~ for certain actions in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and generally relating to appearance fees for ~~law actions filed~~ certain actions in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 7-204(a)(1) and (2)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-204.

(a) (1) Except in Montgomery County and except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection for ~~BALTIMORE CITY AND~~ Baltimore County and, in paragraph (3) of this subsection for St. Mary's County, AND IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR BALTIMORE CITY, the clerk of each circuit court shall:

- (i) Collect, in advance, a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a civil action in the court;
- (ii) Charge as costs a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when prosecuting or defending a criminal action in the court; and
- (iii) Collect, in advance, a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a case in the Court of Appeals.

(2) The Clerk of the Circuit Court for ~~BALTIMORE CITY AND FOR~~ Baltimore County shall:

(i) Collect, in advance, the following fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a civil action:

- 1. A \$20 fee for an action, including the collection of money due on mortgage, in a court of equity; and