

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of the marriage license fee in Harford County; requiring the clerk to pay a certain amount of the proceeds from the marriage license fee to the Harford County Sexual Assault/Spousal Abuse Resource Center, Inc.; requiring the clerk to pay a certain amount of the proceeds from the clerk's fee for performing a marriage ceremony to the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.; and generally relating to certain fees in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 2-404(e) and 2-410(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 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.

(e) In Harford County:

(1) the County Council may set by resolution an additional fee of up to ~~[\$35]~~ \$40 for each license;

(2) the clerk shall:

(i) retain 3% of the proceeds from the additional fee for processing;

[and]

(II) PAY \$5 OF THE PROCEEDS FROM EACH LICENSE TO THE HARFORD COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT/SPOUSAL ABUSE RESOURCE CENTER, INC.; AND

~~[(ii)]~~(III) pay the remaining proceeds to the Treasurer of Harford County each month;

(3) the County:

(i) shall use the proceeds, in addition to designated federal, State, and County funds, to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs; and

(ii) may make in-kind contributions to battered spouse and domestic violence programs; 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.

2-410.

(a) (1) Except as provided in this subsection, a clerk or deputy clerk may not receive any fee, remuneration, or gift for performing a marriage ceremony.