

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) (I) ~~【The】~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE fee for a license is \$10.

~~【(2)】~~ (II) The clerk shall:

~~【(i)】~~ 1. retain \$5 of the fee; and

~~【(ii)】~~ 2. pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

(2) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "PREMARRIAGE EDUCATION COURSE" MEANS A COURSE, SEMINAR, WORKSHOP, PROGRAM, OR COUNSELING TO PREPARE A COUPLE FOR MARRIAGE AND PARENTING.

(II) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, IF AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE PRESENTS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT THE PARTIES TO BE MARRIED HAVE COMPLETED A PREMARRIAGE EDUCATION COURSE WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION, THE FEE FOR A LICENSE IS \$2.

(III) THE CLERK SHALL:

1. RETAIN \$1 OF THE FEE; AND

2. PAY \$1 OF THE FEE INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY.

(IV) 1. THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPILE AND PROVIDE TO THE CLERK A LIST OF PREMARRIAGE EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED IN THE COUNTY AND ADJACENT COUNTIES.

2. THE CLERK SHALL MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE TO EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE.

(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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
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