

CHAPTER 198

(House Bill 1137)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County - Circuit Court - Attorney Appearance Fee

FOR the purpose of altering a certain attorney appearance fee payable to the Clerk of Circuit Court for Harford County; and generally relating to attorneys appearing in the Circuit Court for Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7-204(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Replacement Volume)

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Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
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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 County, in paragraph (3) of this subsection for St. Mary's County, [and] in paragraph (4) of this subsection for Baltimore City, AND IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR HARFORD COUNTY, 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 County shall:

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