
By: **Delegate Edwards**
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CHAPTER 172

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County - Marriage License Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the maximum amount of the additional marriage
4 license fee that the Garrett County Board of County Commissioners is
5 authorized to set; requiring the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Garrett County to
6 pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the County Commissioners each
7 month; providing that the proceeds from the additional fee be used to fund
8 domestic violence programs in Garrett County; and generally relating to
9 marriage license fees in Garrett County.

10 BY renumbering
11 Article - Family Law
12 Section 2-404(j) through (n), respectively
13 to be Section 2-404(k) through (o), respectively
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article - Family Law
18 Section 2-404(a) and (b)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article - Family Law
23 Section 2-404(j)

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2-404(j) through (n), respectively, of Article - Family
5 Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 2-404(k)
6 through (o), respectively.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
8 read as follows:

9 **Article - Family Law**

10 2-404.

11 (a) (1) The fee for a license is \$10.

12 (2) The clerk shall:

13 (i) retain \$5 of the fee; and

14 (ii) pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

15 (3) (i) A party to be married may obtain a replacement for a valid
16 marriage license while the license is valid.

17 (ii) The fee for a replacement license is \$10, payable into the
18 General Fund of the State.

19 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section:

20 (1) any county or group of 2 or more counties may set an additional fee of
21 up to \$25 for each license; and

22 (2) the proceeds shall be used to fund domestic violence programs.

23 (J) IN GARRETT COUNTY:

24 (1) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY SET AN ADDITIONAL
25 FEE OF UP TO \$40 FOR EACH LICENSE;

26 (2) THE CLERK SHALL PAY THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ADDITIONAL FEE
27 TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EACH MONTH; AND

28 (3) THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE USED TO FUND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
29 PROGRAMS IN GARRETT COUNTY.

30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 July 1, 2000.

