
By: **Delegate Grosfeld**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Marriage Ceremonies - Judges**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a sitting or retired judge or justice of any court in the
4 United States to perform a marriage ceremony; and generally relating to
5 marriage ceremonies.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Family Law
8 Section 2-406(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Family Law**

14 2-406.

15 (a) A marriage ceremony may be performed in this State by:

16 (1) any official of a religious order or body authorized by the rules and
17 customs of that order or body to perform a marriage ceremony;

18 (2) any clerk; [or]

19 (3) any deputy clerk designated by the county administrative judge of
20 the circuit court for the county; OR

21 (4) ANY SITTING OR RETIRED JUDGE OR JUSTICE OF ANY COURT IN THE
22 UNITED STATES.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2001.