
By: **Howard County Delegation**

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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Marriage License Fee - Increase**
3 **Ho. Co. 18-06**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount of the additional marriage
5 license fee that the Howard County Council is authorized to set; and generally
6 relating to marriage license fees in Howard County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Family Law
9 Section 2-404(a) and (b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Family Law
14 Section 2-404(l)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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Article - Family Law

2 2-404.

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

4 (2) The clerk shall:

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

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

7 (3) (i) A party to be married may obtain a replacement for a valid
8 marriage license while the license is valid.9 (ii) The fee for a replacement license is \$10, payable into the
10 General Fund of the State.

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

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

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

15 (1) In Howard County:

16 (1) the County Council may set by resolution an additional fee [as
17 authorized in this section] OF UP TO \$50 for each license;18 (2) the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the
19 Director of Finance of the county each month;20 (3) the proceeds, in addition to designated federal, State, and county
21 funds, shall be used to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs
22 established under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article; and23 (4) the County Executive shall prepare and make available an annual
24 report on or before December 1 of each year on the disposition of fees collected under
25 this subsection during the previous fiscal year.26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2006.

