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SB649 - SUPPORT
Frederick County - Marriage Ceremony Fees

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

SB649 is a Frederick County delegation bill that seeks to direct \$15 of the civil marriage fees to the county's historical organization - Heritage Frederick. Heritage Frederick, among preserving and collecting Frederick County's historical documents, is the repository of Frederick County's marriage records.

Currently the Clerk of Court charges \$25 for civil marriage ceremonies of which \$10 is distributed to Frederick County's General Fund and the remaining \$15 stays with the Clerk of Court.

Frederick County is asking to join the nine (9) other Maryland jurisdictions that have been granted the authority to redirect a portion of the county civil marriage fees from the state back to their county heritage organizations.

SB649 has the support of the Frederick County Delegation, Frederick County Council, and the Frederick County Executor.

I ask the committee for a favorable report of **SB649**.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Ronald N. Young in black ink.
Senator Ronald Young