BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 19

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike "to be collected when filing" and substitute "<u>for</u>"; and in line 5, strike "law actions filed" and substitute "<u>certain actions</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 16, strike "BALTIMORE CITY AND"; in the same line, strike "and" and substitute a comma; in line 17, after "County," insert "AND IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS <u>SUBSECTION FOR BALTIMORE CITY</u>,"; and in line 24, strike "CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY AND THE".

On page 2, in line 3, strike "A."; strike beginning with "IN" in line 4 down through "CITY" in line 6; and after line 16, insert:

"(4) THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY SHALL:

(I) COLLECT, IN ADVANCE, A \$20 FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CIVIL ACTION IN THE COURT;

(II) CHARGE AS COSTS THE FOLLOWING FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CRIMINAL ACTION:

1. IF THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE OFFENSE CHARGED IS DEATH OR CONFINEMENT IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY, A \$20 FEE; AND

2. FOR ANY OTHER CRIMINAL ACTION, A \$10 FEE; AND

(III) COLLECT, IN ADVANCE, A \$20 FEE FOR DOCKETING THE APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN BRINGING OR DEFENDING A CASE IN THE COURT OF APPEALS.".