

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 860

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Civil” and substitute “District”; in line 3, strike “District and circuit courts” and substitute “Chief Judge of the District Court”; in line 4, after “collected;” insert “establishing the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund;”; in line 6, after “Corporation” insert “Fund”; in line 7, after the first semicolon insert “providing for the appropriation of moneys collected under this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 11, strike “7-202 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 14 through 27, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 25 through 40, inclusive.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 9, strike “THE” and substitute “THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, in line 10, after “THAN” insert “\$3 PER SUMMARY EJECTMENT CASE.”;

in the same line, strike “\$5 PER CASE THAT IS” and substitute:

(Over)

“(3) THE SURCHARGE SHALL BE”;

and in line 14, strike “(3)” and substitute “(4)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, after line 15, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund.

(b) In Fiscal Year 1998, moneys derived from the surcharge assessed in civil cases under § 7-301 of the Courts Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall be transferred to the Fund.

(c) The Fund is a nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget or by the budget amendment procedure provided for in § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(e) The moneys distributed to the Fund shall be used by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to fund civil legal services to indigents as provided by Article 10, § § 45A through 45Q of the Code.”;

and in line 16, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, in line 17, strike the first “June” and substitute “July”.