

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 844 (Delegate Edwards)

Judiciary

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**Garrett County Historical Society - Distribution of Marriage Ceremony Fees**

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This bill increases from \$2 to \$5 the share of the fee for a marriage ceremony performed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Garrett County that is dedicated to the Garrett County Historical Society.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal revenue decrease. No effect on expenditures.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not directly affect Garrett County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on the Garrett County Historical Society, a nonprofit organization.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Effect:** The current fee for performing a marriage ceremony is \$25. General fund revenues would decrease in proportion to the \$3 increase per marriage ceremony performed to the Garrett County Historical Society. There were 442 marriage ceremonies performed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Garrett County in 1997. Assuming the number of ceremonies performed each year remains constant, general fund revenues would decrease annually by \$1,326.

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