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By: **Delegates Leopold, Clagett, Busch, Greenip, Love, Rosso, Baldwin,
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Requested: July 21, 1999

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Marriage License Fee - Premarriage Education**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the marriage license fee in Anne Arundel County for
4 couples who have completed a premarriage education course within a certain
5 time period before applying for a license; providing for disposition of the fee;
6 requiring the Anne Arundel County Health Department to compile and provide
7 to the clerk of the circuit court a list of premarriage education courses in the
8 county and adjacent counties; requiring the clerk to make the list available to
9 marriage license applicants; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
10 marriage license fees in Anne Arundel County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Family Law
13 Section 2-404(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Family Law**

19 2-404.

20 (a) (1) (I) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
21 SUBSECTION, THE fee for a license is \$10.

22 [(2)] (II) The clerk shall:

23 [(i)] 1. retain \$5 of the fee; and

24 [(ii)] 2. pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

1 (2) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "PREMARRIAGE EDUCATION COURSE"
2 MEANS A COURSE, SEMINAR, WORKSHOP, PROGRAM, OR COUNSELING TO PREPARE A
3 COUPLE FOR MARRIAGE AND PARENTING.

4 (II) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, IF AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE
5 PRESENTS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT THE PARTIES TO BE MARRIED HAVE
6 COMPLETED A PREMARRIAGE EDUCATION COURSE WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE
7 DATE OF THE APPLICATION, THE FEE FOR A LICENSE IS \$2.

8 (III) THE CLERK SHALL:

9 1. RETAIN \$1 OF THE FEE; AND

10 2. PAY \$1 OF THE FEE INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE
11 COUNTY.

12 (IV) 1. THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
13 SHALL COMPILE AND PROVIDE TO THE CLERK A LIST OF PREMARRIAGE EDUCATION
14 COURSES OFFERED IN THE COUNTY AND ADJACENT COUNTIES.

15 2. THE CLERK SHALL MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE TO EACH
16 APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE.

17 (3) (i) A party to be married may obtain a replacement for a valid
18 marriage license while the license is valid.

19 (ii) The fee for a replacement license is \$10, payable into the
20 General Fund of the State.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2000.