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By: **Washington County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2001  
Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Marriage License Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the distribution of proceeds generated from marriage  
4 license fees in Washington County; altering the amount of an additional fee used  
5 to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs in Washington  
6 County; and generally relating to marriage license fees in Washington County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Family Law  
9 Section 2-404(o)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Family Law**

20 2-404.

- 21 (a) (1) The fee for a license is \$10.
- 22 (2) The clerk shall:
- 23 (i) retain \$5 of the fee; and
- 24 (ii) pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

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

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

5     (o)     (1)     [In Washington County:] THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO  
6 WASHINGTON COUNTY.

7                   (2)     THE \$10 FEE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
8 DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

9                               (I)     THE CLERK SHALL RETAIN \$5; AND

10                              (II)     PAY \$5 OF THE FEE TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO BE  
11 USED TO FUND BATTERED SPOUSE SHELTERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS  
12 IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

13                   [(1)]   (3)     the Board of County Commissioners may set an additional fee of  
14 up to [\$50] \$55 for each license[;].

15                   [(2)]   (4)     the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the  
16 County Commissioners each month[; and].

17                   [(3)]   (5)     the proceeds shall be used to fund battered spouse shelters and  
18 domestic violence programs in Washington County.

19     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2001.