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By: **Chairman, Appropriations Committee (By Request - Maryland Judicial Conference) and Delegate Cadden**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund - Funding and**  
3 **Duration**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum surcharge that the State Court  
5 Administrator may establish on certain recordable instruments for the Circuit  
6 Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund; repealing the termination  
7 date of provisions of law relating to the Fund; and generally relating to the  
8 Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
11 Section 13-604  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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15 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
16 Section 13-607  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

22 13-604.

23 (a) The Administrator may establish a surcharge not to exceed [\$5] \$15 for  
24 each type of recordable instrument to be recorded among the land records and the  
25 financing statement records.

26 (b) The surcharge shall be collected by the office of the clerk of the circuit  
27 court for each county.

1 (c) The surcharge may not be charged to an entity that is exempt from the  
2 payment of fees under § 3-603 of the Real Property Article.

3 (d) Receipts from the surcharge shall be placed in the Fund and used by the  
4 Administrator for the purposes of the Fund.

5 [13-607.

6 This subtitle shall terminate and be of no effect after June 30, 2006.]

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
8 effect October 1, 2003.