D4 HB 500/05 - JUD

By: Howard County Delegation Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2006 Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 3	Howard County - Marriage License Fee - Increase Ho. Co. 18-06			
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 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, 8 Article - Family Law 9 Section 2-404(a) and (b) 10 Annotated Code of Maryland 11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement) 				
 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Family Law Section 2-404(l) Annotated Code of Maryland (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 				
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20 2-404.				
21	(a)	(1)	The fe	e for a license is \$10.
22		(2)	The cl	erk shall:
23			(i)	retain \$5 of the fee; and
24			(ii)	pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

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- 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 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section:

6 (1) any county or group of 2 or more counties may set an additional fee of 7 up to \$25 for each license; and

8 (2) the proceeds shall be used to fund domestic violence programs.

9 (l) In Howard County:

10 (1) the Council may set by resolution an additional fee [as 11 authorized in this section] OF UP TO \$50 for each license;

12 (2) the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the 13 Director of Finance of the county each month;

14 (3) the proceeds, in addition to designated federal, State, and county 15 funds, shall be used to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs 16 established under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article; and

17 (4) the County Executive shall prepare and make available an annual
18 report on or before December 1 of each year on the disposition of fees collected under
19 this subsection during the previous fiscal year.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 21 October 1, 2006.

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