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By: **Delegate Kach**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Historical Trust - Distribution of Marriage Ceremony Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the share of certain marriage ceremony fees that the  
4 Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County is required to distribute to the  
5 Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc.; and generally relating to marriage  
6 ceremony fees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Family Law  
9 Section 2-410(a)(1) and (2)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Family Law  
14 Section 2-410(a)(5)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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 2-410.

21 (a) (1) Except as provided in this subsection, a judge, clerk, or deputy clerk  
22 may not receive any fee, remuneration, or gift for performing a marriage ceremony.

23 (2) (i) 1. A Maryland judge's fee for performing a marriage  
24 ceremony is a nonrefundable fee, payable to the clerk before a marriage license is  
25 issued, in the amount of \$30 in Cecil County and \$25 in any other county.

26 2. The clerk's or deputy clerk's fee for performing a marriage  
27 ceremony is \$30 in Cecil County and \$25 in any other county.

1                   (ii)       Each month the clerk shall pay \$10 of each fee collected under  
2 this section into the general fund of the county.

3                   (iii)       Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the clerk shall  
4 retain the remainder of each fee and deposit and disburse it in the same manner as  
5 other fees collected by the clerk.

6                   (5)       (i)       In Baltimore County, from the remaining \$15, the clerk shall  
7 pay [\$5 of each] THE ENTIRE REMAINING AMOUNT OF THE fee to the Baltimore  
8 County Historical Trust, Inc.

9                   (ii)       The Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. shall report  
10 annually to the Baltimore County Executive and the Maryland Historical Trust on  
11 the use of all funds received under this section, including a detailed record of the  
12 expenditures and receipts of all funds collected before July 1, 1987.

13                   (iii)       The Baltimore County Executive or the Maryland Historical  
14 Trust may request at any time an audit of the financial records of the Baltimore  
15 County Historical Trust, Inc.

16       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 July 1, 2006.