
By: **Delegate Kach**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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Article - Family Law

2 2-410.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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