

HOUSE BILL 653

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Marriage License Fee - Increase**

3 **PG 411-07**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount of the additional marriage
5 license fee that the Prince George's County Council is authorized to set;
6 requiring the clerk to pay the proceeds from the additional marriage license fee
7 to the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County; and generally relating to
8 marriage license fees in Prince George's County.

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10 Article - Family Law
11 Section 2-404(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article - Family Law**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2-404.

2 (a) (1) The fee for a license is \$10.

3 (2) The clerk shall:

4 (i) retain \$5 of the fee; and

5 (ii) pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

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

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

10 (n) In Prince George's County:

11 (1) the County Council may set by resolution an additional fee of up to
12 ~~[\$45]~~ **\$60** for each license;

13 (2) the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the
14 ~~[Director of Finance of the county]~~ **FAMILY CRISIS CENTER OF PRINCE GEORGE'S**
15 **COUNTY** each month; **AND**

16 [(3) the proceeds, in addition to designated federal, State, and county
17 funds, shall be used to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs;
18 and]

19 [(4)] **(3)** the County Executive shall prepare and make available an
20 annual report on or before December 1 of each year on the disposition of fees collected
21 under this subsection during the previous fiscal year.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2007.