

# HOUSE BILL 1134

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Marriage – Performance of Ceremony – Retired Clerk of Court**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a retired clerk of the circuit court of a county to  
4 perform a marriage ceremony in this State; authorizing the county  
5 administrative judge of the circuit court to designate when and where the  
6 retired clerk may perform a marriage ceremony and the form of marriage  
7 ceremony to be recited by the retired clerk; and generally relating to marriage  
8 ceremonies.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Family Law  
11 Section 2–101(a) and (c)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2006 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Family Law  
16 Section 2–406(a)(2) and (f)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Family Law**

4 2–101.

5 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (c) “Clerk” means a clerk of the circuit court for a county.

7 2–406.

8 (a) (2) A marriage ceremony may be performed in this State by:

9 (i) any official of a religious order or body authorized by the  
10 rules and customs of that order or body to perform a marriage ceremony;

11 (ii) any clerk **OR RETIRED CLERK**;

12 (iii) any deputy clerk designated by the county administrative  
13 judge of the circuit court for the county; or

14 (iv) a judge.

15 (f) The county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county shall  
16 designate:

17 (1) when and where the clerk, **RETIRED CLERK**, or deputy clerk may  
18 perform a marriage ceremony; and

19 (2) the form of the marriage ceremony to be recited by the clerk,  
20 **RETIRED CLERK**, or deputy clerk and the parties being married.

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