

CHAPTER 247

(House Bill 653)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Marriage License Fee - Increase

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FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount of the additional marriage license fee that the Prince George's County Council is authorized to set; requiring the ~~clerk to pay~~ Director of Finance of Prince George's County to distribute the proceeds from the additional marriage license fee to the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County; providing that, if the Family Crisis Center changes its name or objectives or ceases to exist, the proceeds shall be used to fund certain programs; and generally relating to marriage license fees in Prince George's County.

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Section 2-404(a)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

2-404.

- (a) (1) The fee for a license is \$10.
- (2) The clerk shall:

- (i) retain \$5 of the fee; and
- (ii) pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

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

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

(n) In Prince George's County:

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

(2) the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the ~~Director of Finance of the county~~, **WHO SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS TO THE FAMILY CRISIS CENTER OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** each month; ~~AND~~

(3) IF THE FAMILY CRISIS CENTER OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CHANGES ITS NAME OR OBJECTIVES OR CEASES TO EXIST, the proceeds, in addition to designated federal, State, and county funds, shall be used to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs; and~~‡~~

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.