HOUSE BILL 130

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By: **Delegates Conaway and Vallario**
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CHAPTER _____

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Marriage Ceremonies – Performance by Tax Court Judges**

3   FOR the purpose of authorizing a judge of the United States Tax Court to perform a
4   marriage ceremony in this State; altering a certain definition; and generally
5   relating to marriage ceremonies.

6   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7   Article – Family Law
8   Section 2–406(a)
9   Annotated Code of Maryland
10   (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

13   **Article – Family Law**

14 2–406.

15   (a)   (1)   In this subsection, "judge" means:

16   (i)   a judge of the District Court, a circuit court, the Court of
17 Special Appeals, or the Court of Appeals;

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
  [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
  <u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.
  ~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
   amendment.

1   (ii)   a judge approved under Article IV, § 3A of the Maryland
2 Constitution and § 1–302 of the Courts Article for recall and assignment to the District
3 Court, a circuit court, the Court of Special Appeals, or the Court of Appeals;

4   (iii)   a judge of a United States District Court **[**or**],** a United
5 States Court of Appeals**, OR THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT**; or

6   (iv)   a judge of a state court if the judge is active or retired but
7 eligible for recall.

8   (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;

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   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2008.

Approved:

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                                                    Governor.

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                                Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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                                    President of the Senate.