

SENATE BILL 870

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By: **Senator Gladden**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2009

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

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 2008 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;

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

6 (ii) any clerk;

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

9 (iv) a judge.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2009.