Chapter 288

(Senate Bill 390)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Marriage License Fee - Increase <u>- The Carole Alexander Act</u>

FOR the purpose of providing for the maximum amount of the additional fee for a marriage license that the Baltimore City Mayor and the Baltimore City Council are authorized to set by ordinance; requiring the clerk of the court to pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the House of Ruth; requiring the Mayor to prepare and make available a certain annual report on or before a certain date each year requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to set by resolution an additional marriage license fee of up to a certain amount; and generally relating to marriage license fees in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 2–404(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

2-404.

- (d) In Baltimore City:
- (1) the Mayor and City Council may SHALL set by ordinance RESOLUTION an additional fee [as authorized in this section] OF UP TO \$75 for each license;
- (2) the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the [Mayor and City Council] HOUSE OF RUTH each month; and
- (3) {the proceeds shall be used to fund domestic violence programs that have 24-hour intake ability} THE MAYOR 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, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.