

HOUSE BILL 1326

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By: **Delegate Norman**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2012

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Disposition of Fee for Performing Marriage Ceremony –**
3 **Funds for Historical Society**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the distribution of the Clerk or deputy clerk's fee collected
5 for performing a marriage ceremony in Harford County to require a certain
6 amount of the fee to be paid to the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.;
7 and generally relating to the distribution of the fee for performing a marriage
8 ceremony in Harford County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Family Law
11 Section 2–410(a)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Family Law
16 Section 2–410(a)(2) and (10)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Family Law**

22 2–410.

23 (a) (1) Except as provided in this subsection, a judge, clerk, or deputy
24 clerk may not receive any fee, remuneration, or gift for performing a marriage
25 ceremony.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (i) 1. A Maryland judge's fee for performing a marriage
2 ceremony is a nonrefundable fee, payable to the clerk before a marriage license is
3 issued, in the amount of \$30 in Cecil County and \$25 in any other county.

4 2. The clerk's or deputy clerk's fee for performing a
5 marriage ceremony is \$30 in Cecil County and \$25 in any other county.

6 (ii) **[Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (10) OF**
7 **THIS SUBSECTION, EACH** month the clerk shall pay \$10 of each fee collected under
8 this section into the general fund of the county.

9 (iii) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the clerk
10 shall retain the remainder of each fee and deposit and disburse it in the same manner
11 as other fees collected by the clerk.

12 (10) In Harford County, from the **[remaining \$15] \$25 FEE FOR**
13 **PERFORMING A MARRIAGE CEREMONY**, the clerk shall pay **[\$10] \$20** of each fee to
14 the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2012.