

Chapter 432

(House Bill 1326)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

Article – Family Law

2–410.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.