

# HOUSE BILL 1824

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: March 12, 2018

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Marriage License Fees – Distribution of Proceeds**

3 **PG 433–18**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance of Prince George's County to  
5 distribute the proceeds from the additional marriage license fee to battered spouse  
6 shelters and domestic violence programs in accordance with the criteria and  
7 procedures established by the Prince George's County Department of Social Services;  
8 and generally relating to marriage license fees in Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Family Law  
11 Section 2–401 and 2–404(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Family Law**

22 2–401.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) An individual may not marry in this State without a license issued by the clerk  
2 for the county in which the marriage is performed.

3 (b) Any individual who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on  
4 conviction is subject to a fine of \$100.

5 2-404.

6 (a) (1) The fee for a license is \$10.

7 (2) The clerk shall:

8 (i) retain \$5 of the fee; and

9 (ii) pay \$5 of the fee into the general fund of the county.

10 (3) (i) A party to be married may obtain a replacement for a valid  
11 marriage license while the license is valid.

12 (ii) The fee for a replacement license is \$10, payable into the General  
13 Fund of the State.

14 (n) In Prince George's County:

15 (1) the County Council may set by resolution an additional fee of up to \$60  
16 for each license;

17 (2) the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the Director  
18 of Finance of the county[, who shall distribute the proceeds to the Family Crisis Center of  
19 Prince George's County each month];

20 (3) [if the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County changes its name  
21 or objectives or ceases to exist, the proceeds, in addition to designated federal, State, and  
22 county funds, shall be used to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence  
23 programs] **THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS TO  
24 BATTERED SPOUSE SHELTERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN  
25 ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE PRINCE  
26 GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES;** and

27 (4) the County Executive shall prepare and make available an annual  
28 report on or before December 1 of each year on the disposition of fees collected under this  
29 subsection during the previous fiscal year.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2018.