

HOUSE BILL 1409

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

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 **PG 411–20**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance for Prince George's County to
5 distribute certain proceeds from a marriage license fee to the Community Crisis
6 Services, Inc.; requiring certain proceeds from a marriage license fee to be used to
7 fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs if the Community
8 Crisis Services, Inc., changes its name or objectives or ceases to exist; and generally
9 relating to the distribution of proceeds from marriage license fees in Prince George's
10 County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Family Law
13 Section 2–404(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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17 Article – Family Law
18 Section 2–404(n)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
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21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Family Law**

24 2–404.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

(2) The clerk shall:

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

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

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

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

(n) In Prince George's County:

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

(2) the clerk shall pay the proceeds from the additional fee to the Director of Finance of the county, who shall distribute the proceeds to the [Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County] **COMMUNITY CRISIS SERVICES, INC.**, each month;

(3) if the [Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County] **COMMUNITY CRISIS SERVICES, INC.**, changes its name or objectives or ceases to exist, the proceeds, in addition to designated federal, State, and county funds, shall be used to fund battered spouse shelters and domestic violence programs; and

(4) the County Executive 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, 2020.