

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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November 18, 2010

The Honorable President and  
Members of the Baltimore  
City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
409 City Hall  
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 10-0602 – Marriage License Fees-Domestic Violence Shelters

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 10-0602. City Council Bill 602 proposes to increase the marriage license fee in Baltimore City and provides for use of the funds to support domestic violence shelters with 24-hour intake. Section 2-404(d) of the Maryland Ann. Code, Family Law Art. authorizes the Mayor and City Council to by resolution provide for an additional marriage license fee of up to \$75. The State law requires that any additional fee imposed be used to fund domestic violence programs with 24-hour intake.

City Council Bill 10-0602 is authorized by and consistent with the powers granted to the City in Sec. 2-404(d). The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 10-0602 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief Solicitor

cc: Honorable Mary Pat Clarke  
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