

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 10-0602
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Cole, Middleton, Henry, Curran, Kraft, Spector,
Conaway, Welch

Introduced and read first time: September 20, 2010

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Marriage License Fees – Domestic Violence Shelters**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the additional fee for a marriage license to be dedicated and used
4 for operating domestic violence shelters; and correcting an obsolete cross-reference.

5 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

6 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

7 Section(s) 48-1

8 Baltimore City Code

9 (Edition 2000)

10 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
11 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

12 **Baltimore City Code**

13 **Article 5. Finance, Property, and Procurement**

14 **Subtitle 48. Miscellaneous Fees**

15 **§ 48-1. Marriage license fees for domestic violence shelters.**

16 (a) *Collection and remittance.*

17 Pursuant to State Family Law Article [§ 2-404(h)] § 2-404(D), the Clerk of the Circuit
18 Court shall:

19 (1) collect an additional fee of [\$25] \$75 for the issuance of a marriage license in
20 Baltimore City, and

21 (2) transmit the proceeds from this additional fee to the Mayor and City Council of
22 Baltimore on a monthly basis.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (b) *Use of proceeds.*

2 (1) The proceeds so transmitted shall be segregated in a special fund and available for
3 appropriation for the sole purpose of operating domestic violence shelters which have
4 a 24-hour intake ability.

5 (2) The Director of Finance shall disburse the monies in the special fund as provided by
6 the appropriation and by any contracts entered into for this purpose.

7 (c) *Reports.*

8 Any such contract shall provide for annual financial and operating reports to be made in
9 writing and, if requested, by an appearance of a representative of the contractor before
10 the Board of Estimates and/or the City Council or a designated subcommittee thereof.

11 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
12 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
13 Ordinance.

14 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
15 after the date it is enacted.