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By: Senator Beidle

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A BILL ENTITLED

Family Law - Marriage - Licenses and Records

AN ACT concerning 1

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3 FOR the purpose of altering certain designations on a marriage license and certificate; 4 authorizing the clerk of the circuit court to maintain a certain electronic record as 5 an alternative to the requirement that the clerk keep a certain marriage license book; 6 and generally relating to marriage. 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 8 Article – Family Law 9 Section 2–403 and 2–501 Annotated Code of Maryland 10 11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement) 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Family Law 14 15 2-403.16 (a) (1)A license shall read substantially as follows: 17 "State of Maryland and County of To any individual authorized by the laws 18 of this State to perform a marriage ceremony. You are hereby authorized to join together 19 in matrimony according to the rules and ceremonies of your church, society or religious sect 20 and the laws of this State, or according to the laws of this State, the following individuals: 21 22(state here name of intended [husband] 23

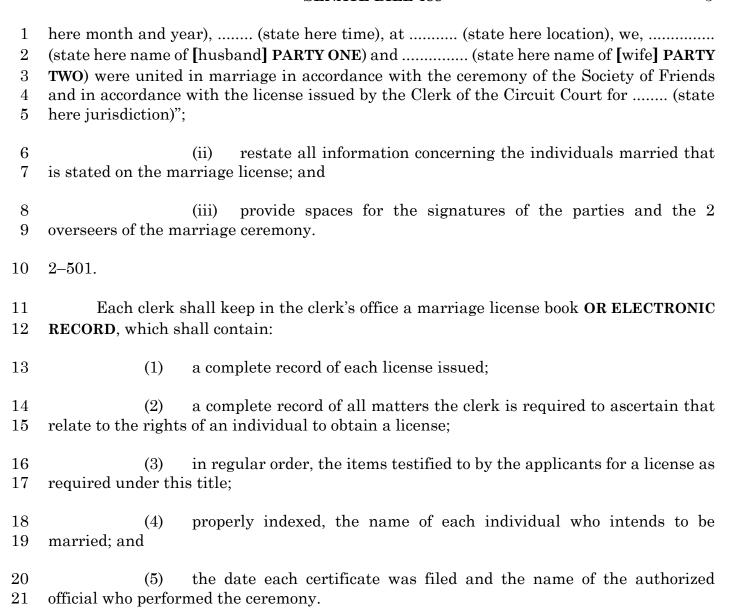
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



PARTY ONE)

1 2 3 4 5	(state here name of intended [wife] PARTY TWO) Given under my hand and seal of the Circuit Court for, this
6	day of (state here month and year)." (2) A license shall contain:
7	(i) appropriate spaces in which the clerk shall enter:
8	1. the relationship of the parties to be married, if any; and
9 10	2. as to each party, the name, age, state or foreign country in which born, residence, and marital status (single, widowed, or divorced); and
11	(ii) a statement that the license is valid only:
12 13	1. for 6 months from the effective date and time stated on the license; and
14	2. in the county in which it is issued.
15	(b) (1) Attached to a license shall be 2 certificate forms that:
16 17 18 19	(i) read, "I hereby certify that on this day of (state here month and year), (state here time), at
20 21 22 23 24	(state here name of [husband] PARTY ONE)
$\frac{25}{26}$	(state here name of [wife] PARTY TWO)";
27 28	(ii) restate all information concerning the individuals married that is stated on the marriage license; and
29 30	(iii) provide a space for the signature of the authorized official who performs the marriage ceremony.
31 32	(2) Attached to a license, in the case of a Society of Friends marriage ceremony, shall be 2 certificate forms that:
33	(i) read, "We hereby certify that on this day of (state



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

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October 1, 2021.