

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 133

House of Representatives, January 13, 2005

### An Act To Provide Funding for Domestic Violence Shelters

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GROSE of Woolwich.  
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRYANT of Windham, CANAVAN of Waterville,  
GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PARADIS of Frenchville,  
PERRY of Calais, SMITH of Monmouth.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

6 **9. Additional fee to be collected for each marriage license**  
7 **issued.** In addition to any fee established pursuant to Title  
8 **30-A, section 3702 for the issuance of a marriage license, the**  
9 **municipal clerk shall collect a fee of \$1 for each marriage**  
10 **license issued. On a monthly basis the Treasurer of State shall**  
11 **deposit the funds collected pursuant to this subsection into the**  
12 **Domestic Violence Fund established in section 4015. The money**  
13 **from the fund must be distributed by the Department of Health and**  
14 **Human Services to the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence or**  
15 **a successor organization for the operation of domestic violence**  
16 **shelters.**

18 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §4015** is enacted to read:

20 **§4015. Domestic Violence Fund**

22 **There is established the Domestic Violence Fund, which is a**  
23 **nonlapsing fund, referred to in this section as "the fund." The**  
24 **municipal clerks of each municipality shall deposit into the fund**  
25 **on a monthly basis the additional fees charged and collected for**  
26 **marriage licenses pursuant to Title 19-A, section 652, subsection**  
27 **9. The money from the fund must be distributed by the Department**  
28 **of Health and Human Services to the Maine Coalition to End**  
29 **Domestic Violence or a successor organization for the operation**  
30 **of domestic violence shelters.**

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill proposes the collection of an additional fee of \$1  
35 for each marriage license issued in the State. The fee would be  
36 deposited into a special revenue fund for the operation of  
domestic violence shelters.