060800276 **HOUSE BILL NO. 135** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 11, 2006 Prefiled December 28, 2005 A BILL to amend and reenact § 20-27 of the Code of Virginia, relating to fee for celebrating marriage. Patron—Cosgrove 6 7 Referred to Committee on Finance 8 9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 20-27 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 10 § 20-27. Fee for celebrating marriage. 11 12

Any person authorized to celebrate the rites of marriage shall be permitted to charge the parties a fee for the ceremony not to exceed thirty dollars \$50 for each ceremony. Additionally, such person shall be permitted to charge the parties travel expenses to and from the marriage site. If conveyance is by public transportation, reimbursement shall be at the actual cost thereof. If conveyance is by private transportation, reimbursement shall be at the rate specified in the current general appropriations act of the Commonwealth. In either event, the actual cost of the ceremony together with travel expenses shall be given to the parties at least three days prior to the marriage ceremony.

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