

ASSEMBLY BILL 341 (LRB -1466)

An Act to amend 765.15 and 973.055 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: authorizing counties to use the marriage license fee for purposes related to domestic violence and increasing the assessment imposed on persons convicted of domestic abuse offenses. (FE)

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05-13.	A.	Introduced by Representatives Kreibich, Kaufert, J. Wood, M. Williams, Vrakas, Owens, Ward, Rhoades, Turner, Jeskewitz, Gielow, Musser, Shilling, Ott, Ladwig, Pettis, Balow, Hines, Loeffelholz, Olsen, Berceau, Albers, Van Roy, Weber, Friske, J. Fitzgerald, Suder, Miller, Plouff and Townsend ; cosponsored by Senators Roessler, Leibham, Darling, Stepp, Cowles and Jauch .	
05-13.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Children and Families	205
05-29.	A.	Fiscal estimate received.	
06-26.	A.	Public hearing held.	
08-07.	A.	Executive action taken.	
08-12.	A.	Report passage recommended by committee on Children and Families, Ayes 7, Noes 0	323
08-12.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	323
10-21.	A.	Rules suspended to withdraw from committee on Rules and refer to joint committee on Finance	440
11-10.	A.	Executive action taken.	
11-17.	A.	Report passage recommended by joint committee on Finance, Ayes 15, Noes 0	546
11-17.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	546

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01-15.	A.	Placed on calendar 1-20-2004 by committee on Rules.	
01-20.	A.	Read a second time	617
01-20.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	617
01-20.	A.	Rules suspended	617
01-20.	A.	Read a third time and passed	617
01-20.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	617
01-21.	S.	Received from Assembly	563
01-21.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care	564
02-12.	S.	Public hearing held.	
02-12.	S.	Executive action taken.	
02-17.	S.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care, Ayes 9, Noes 0	615
02-17.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
03-09.	S.	Placed on calendar 3-10-2004 by committee on Senate Organization.	
03-11.	S.	Placed on calendar 3-11-2004 by committee on Senate Organization.	
03-11.	S.	Read a second time.	
03-11.	S.	Ordered to a third reading.	
03-11.	S.	Rules suspended.	
03-11.	S.	Read a third time and concurred in , Ayes 31, Noes 0.	
03-11.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged.	

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 765.15 and 973.055 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 authorizing counties to use the marriage license fee for purposes related to
3 domestic violence and increasing the assessment imposed on persons convicted
4 of domestic abuse offenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the fee for a marriage license, which is paid to the county clerk, is \$49.50, but a county board may increase the fee by any amount. Of the amount of the fee, the state receives \$25 and the county retains the remainder, which is \$24.50 if the county board does not increase the fee. Of the amount retained by the county, \$20 must be used for its family court counseling services, under which mediation services are provided to the parties in an action affecting the family, such as a divorce, when custody or physical placement of a child is contested. This bill does not change the requirement that a county must use \$20 of the portion of the marriage license fee that it keeps for its family court counseling services, but the bill specifically authorizes a county to use any or all of the remaining amount that it keeps for education, training, or services related to domestic violence.

Current law also provides funding for services related to domestic violence through the domestic abuse assessment, which a court imposes when sentencing a person for committing a domestic abuse offense. The Department of Health and Family Services uses money from the assessment to award grants to organizations and agencies that provide those services. This bill also increases the domestic abuse assessment from \$50 to \$75 per offense.

