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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on Commemorating the Anniversaries of the War of 1812 and**
3 **the Civil War**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Commemorating the
5 Anniversaries of the War of 1812 and the Civil War; providing for the
6 membership of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate a certain
7 chair; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development and
8 the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide staff for
9 the Commission; prohibiting the compensation of certain members; providing for
10 the reimbursement of certain members; requiring the Commission to assemble a
11 certain inventory, develop a certain plan and a certain strategy, make certain
12 recommendations, coordinate with certain governments and jurisdictions, and
13 receive certain testimony; requiring the Commission to submit certain findings
14 and recommendations; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
15 relating to the Commission on Commemorating the Anniversaries of the War of
16 1812 and the Civil War.

17 **Preamble**

18 WHEREAS, The years 2012 through 2014 will mark the 200th anniversary of
19 the War of 1812; and

20 WHEREAS, Many significant battles of the War of 1812 occurred in Maryland;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore will mark the
23 bicentennial of the drafting of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key; and

24 WHEREAS, The years 2011 through 2015 will mark the 150th anniversary of
25 the Civil War; and

26 WHEREAS, The first casualties of the Civil War occurred in Baltimore in
27 September 1861; and

1 WHEREAS, The Battle of Antietam in September 1862 remains the single
2 bloodiest day in American history; and

3 WHEREAS, Many other significant events from the Civil War occurred in
4 Maryland; now, therefore,

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
6 MARYLAND, That:

7 (a) There is a Commission on Commemorating the Anniversaries of the War of
8 1812 and the Civil War.

9 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

10 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
11 of the Senate;

12 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
13 the House;

14 (3) the Director of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs in
15 the Department of Housing and Community Development, or the Director's designee;

16 (4) the Assistant Secretary for Tourism, Film, and the Arts in the
17 Department of Business and Economic Development, or the Assistant Secretary's
18 designee;

19 (5) the Executive Director of the Maryland Historical Society, or the
20 Executive Director's designee;

21 (6) the Executive Director of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland
22 African American History and Culture or the Executive Director's designee; and

23 (7) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

24 (i) three representatives of local governments in jurisdictions in
25 which significant related historic sites are located; and

26 (ii) five representatives of the general public who have experience
27 in:

28 1. historical programs;

29 2. tourism promotion;

30 3. event planning; or

31 4. facilities development.

32 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.

1 (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development and the
2 Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff for the
3 Commission.

4 (e) A member of the Commission:

5 (1) may not receive compensation; but

6 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
7 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

8 (f) The Commission shall:

9 (1) assemble an inventory of sites in Maryland that are significant to the
10 War of 1812 and the Civil War;

11 (2) develop a plan for commemorating the events that occurred in
12 Maryland during the War of 1812 and the Civil War;

13 (3) develop a strategy to encourage tourism related to these
14 commemorations;

15 (4) make recommendations concerning facility development and repair;

16 (5) coordinate with the federal government, local governments, and
17 neighboring jurisdictions regarding the development of plans commemorating events;
18 and

19 (6) if appropriate, receive testimony from and consult with individuals
20 who are knowledgeable regarding the issues of interest to the Commission.

21 (g) The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
22 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General
23 Assembly, on or before:

24 (1) December 31, 2006; and

25 (2) each subsequent December 31.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
27 effect July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 9 years and, at the end of
28 June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall
29 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.