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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Commission on the Maryland Memorial to Victims of September 11, 2001,**  
 3                                   **and the War Against Terrorism and Associated Visitors' Center and Museum**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on the Maryland Memorial to  
 5 Victims of September 11, 2001, and the War Against Terrorism and Associated  
 6 Visitors' Center and Museum; providing for the membership and staffing of the  
 7 Commission; requiring the Commission to perform certain duties and submit a  
 8 certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain  
 9 date; prohibiting members of the Commission from receiving certain  
 10 compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; providing  
 11 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on the  
 12 Maryland Memorial to Victims of September 11, 2001, and the War Against  
 13 Terrorism and Associated Visitors' Center and Museum.

14                                   Preamble

15       WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and  
 16 the Pentagon in Virginia claimed thousands of lives in an undeclared war on the  
 17 United States; and

18       WHEREAS, A significant number of the victims of the attack on the Pentagon  
 19 were residents of Maryland and many of those were residents of Southern Maryland  
 20 at the time of their deaths; and

21       WHEREAS, Additional civilian and military casualties of the ongoing war on  
 22 terrorism deserve recognition for their supreme sacrifice in the defense of their  
 23 country; and

1 WHEREAS, A memorial to the Maryland victims of terrorism should be of  
2 sufficient importance, stature, and quality to serve as a reminder to generations to  
3 come of the price of freedom and as an expression of remembrance of those on whom  
4 the costs of freedom rest; now, therefore,

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

7 (a) There is a Commission on the Maryland Memorial to Victims of September  
8 11, 2001, and the War Against Terrorism and Associated Visitors' Center and  
9 Museum.

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

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

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

15 (3) the Executive Director of the Maryland Historical Society, or the  
16 Executive Director's designee;

17 (4) the Director of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs in  
18 the Department of Housing and Community Development, or the Director's designee;

19 (5) the Director of the Maryland Office of Tourism Development in the  
20 Department of Business and Economic Development, or the Director's designee;

21 (6) one representative of the State Highway Administration, appointed  
22 by the deputy Secretary of Transportation;

23 (7) one representative of the Governor's Commission on Maryland  
24 Military Monuments, appointed by the Secretary of State;

25 (8) one representative of the Ad Hoc Committee for a Prince George's  
26 County Monument to the Victims of the September 11 Attack, appointed by the chair  
27 of the Committee;

28 (9) one representative of the Prince George's County Historical Society,  
29 appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society;

30 (10) one representative of the Council of the Town of Forest Heights,  
31 appointed by the Mayor of Forest Heights;

32 (11) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by the  
33 chair of the County Council; and

34 (12) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

35 (i) three representatives of veterans' organizations;

- 1 (ii) three representatives of local civic organizations; and
- 2 (iii) three representatives of the general public who have experience  
3 or knowledge regarding:
- 4 1. soliciting support for a building project;
  - 5 2. fund-raising;
  - 6 3. conducting a design search for a building project;
  - 7 4. contracting for a building project;
  - 8 5. overseeing a building project;
  - 9 6. tourism promotion;
  - 10 7. Maryland history; or
  - 11 8. Southern Prince George's County history.

12 (c) The Commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair of the Commission at  
13 its first meeting.

14 (d) The State and county agencies represented on the Commission shall  
15 provide staff for the Commission.

16 (e) A member of the Commission:

17 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

20 (f) (1) The Commission shall oversee the development and construction of a  
21 memorial located in Southern Prince George's County to the Maryland victims of  
22 September 11, 2001, and the subsequent victims of the war against terrorism. The  
23 memorial shall include a visitors' center and a museum that focuses on Maryland  
24 history and specifically addresses Southern Prince George's County history.

25 (2) The duties of the Commission shall include:

26 (i) determining a location;

27 (ii) conducting a design search and selecting a design;

28 (iii) soliciting suggestions and support;

29 (iv) developing fundraising strategies, raising funds, and disbursing  
30 funds as needed;

- 1 (v) contracting to build the facilities;
- 2 (vi) overseeing the building of the facilities; and
- 3 (vii) selecting an organization to oversee the administration of the  
4 completed facilities.

5 (g) The Commission shall submit a report on the progress made on the  
6 development and the construction of the memorial, visitors' center, and museum to  
7 the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General  
8 Assembly on or before:

- 9 (1) January 1, 2006; and
- 10 (2) each subsequent January 1.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June  
13 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
14 abrogated and of no further force and effect.