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By: **Senators Forehand and Miller**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Maryland Charter Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as
4 Maryland Charter Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – State Government

7 Section 13–406

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, While Maryland celebrates Maryland Day on March 25 each year
12 to commemorate the landing of the Ark and the Dove on St. Clement’s Island in 1634,
13 the official origin of the State began nearly 2 years before that date; and

14 WHEREAS, On June 20, 1632, King Charles I granted a charter for the
15 “Maryland Colony” to Cecelius Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 WHEREAS, On that day, Cecelius Calvert became the first Proprietor of the
2 Colony of Maryland; and

3 WHEREAS, The Charter of Maryland established the boundaries of the
4 Maryland Colony, granted authority for the settlers to use all available resources to
5 provide for their livelihoods, authorized the settlers to establish a government, and
6 granted authority for the establishment of economic trade in the Colony; and

7 WHEREAS, On November 22, 1633, the Ark and the Dove sailed for the New
8 World with almost 200 settlers on board; and

9 WHEREAS, On March 25, 1634, the settlers celebrated their first mass on St.
10 Clement's Island and established the province of Maryland; and

11 WHEREAS, Commemoration of the Charter of Maryland would enrich our
12 understanding of Maryland's history; now, therefore,

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - State Government**

16 **13-406.**

17 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM JUNE 20 AS MARYLAND**
18 **CHARTER DAY.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.