

# HOUSE BILL 1429

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Health and Government Operations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Lee, Nathan–Pulliam, Alston, Arora, Beidle, Bobo, Braveboy, Burns, Cane, Carr, Conaway, Cullison, Eckardt, Frick, Frush, Gaines, George, Glenn, Gutierrez, Harrison, Healey, Howard, Jones, A. Kelly, Love, Luedtke, McComas, A. Miller, Pena–Melnyk, B. Robinson, Stukes, Tarrant, Valderrama, ~~and Washington~~ Washington, Hammen, Pendergrass, Bromwell, Donoghue, Elliott, Frank, Hubbard, Kach, Kipke, McDonough, Morhaim, Murphy, Oaks, Ready, and Reznik**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Statue of Harriet Tubman**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to authorize the gift of a statue of Harriet  
4 Tubman to the United States government and to request the United States  
5 Congress to place the statue in a certain building; requiring the Governor to  
6 establish the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission and appoint certain  
7 members; requiring the Commission, under the supervision and direction of the

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#### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 State Treasurer, to raise certain funds and represent the State in selecting a  
2 certain sculptor; and generally relating to the statue of Harriet Tubman.

3 Preamble

4 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman was born a slave under the given name Araminta  
5 Ross in Maryland in about 1820; and

6 WHEREAS, Beaten severely as a child, she also suffered a traumatic head  
7 injury at the hand of a slave owner early in her life, which caused a lifetime of  
8 headaches, seizures, and vision difficulties; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1849, she fled north to freedom and then immediately returned  
10 to Maryland, risking her life to free her family; and

11 WHEREAS, She joined the Underground Railroad, which was a secret network  
12 for free African Americans and white sympathizers who helped runaways escape the  
13 South; and

14 WHEREAS, She became a conductor on the Underground Railroad, risking her  
15 life time and time again to return to Maryland and lead slaves to freedom; and

16 WHEREAS, Known as “the Moses of her people”, she was so successful that  
17 furious slaveholders put a huge price on her head; and

18 WHEREAS, When the Civil War began, she became a Union spy, organizing an  
19 espionage network of slaves and freedmen who operated behind Confederate lines; and

20 WHEREAS, On several occasions, she led military raiding parties and also  
21 tended to the Union wounded as an army nurse; and

22 WHEREAS, After the Civil War, she devoted herself to women’s suffrage, the  
23 care of orphans and invalids, and the establishment of freedmen’s schools in the  
24 South; and

25 WHEREAS, The 100th anniversary of her death occurs on March 10, 2013; now,  
26 therefore,

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
28 MARYLAND, That the Governor shall:

29 (a) authorize the gift of a statue of Harriet Tubman from the citizens of  
30 Maryland to the United States government;

31 (b) request the United States Congress to place the statue *in Emancipation*  
32 *Hall* in the U.S. Capitol ~~Building~~ *Visitor Center or another appropriate federal*  
33 *property located in Washington, D.C.*; and

1 (c) establish the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission that:

2 (1) is composed of ten members, appointed by the Governor, who are  
3 representatives of the nonprofit organizations and other groups that contributed to the  
4 passage of this Act and will contribute to the funds to be used for paying the costs  
5 associated with the statue;

6 (2) under the supervision and direction of the State Treasurer, is  
7 responsible for raising private funds to be used for paying the costs associated with the  
8 statue, including:

9 (i) paying the sculptor;

10 (ii) carving or casting the Harriet Tubman statue;

11 (iii) creating a pedestal and any desired inscription;

12 (iv) transporting the Harriet Tubman statue and pedestal to  
13 Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building Visitor Center or another appropriate  
14 federal property located in Washington, D.C.;

15 (v) temporarily erecting the Harriet Tubman statue in the  
16 Rotunda of the Capitol for the unveiling ceremony;

17 (vi) expenses related to the unveiling ceremony; and

18 (vii) any other expenses that may be incurred by the Harriet  
19 Tubman Statue Commission; and

20 (3) represents the State in selecting the sculptor for the Harriet  
21 Tubman statue.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2012.