

# HOUSE BILL 732

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By: **Delegate Donoghue**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on African American History and Culture – Duties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Commission on African American History and  
4 Culture to provide operational funding to certain museums; and generally  
5 relating to the duties of the Commission on African American History and  
6 Culture.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – State Government  
9 Section 9.5–401  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – State Government  
14 Section 9.5–407  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – State Government**

20 9.5–401.

21 In this subtitle, “Commission” means the Commission on African American  
22 History and Culture.

23 9.5–407.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A)**    The Commission shall:

2                   (1)    initiate, direct, and coordinate projects that further the  
3 understanding of African American history and culture;

4                   (2)    receive and administer any available federal, State, or private  
5 money to plan and execute projects or educational activities that further the  
6 understanding of African American history and culture;

7                   (3)    operate the Banneker–Douglass Museum in Annapolis to house  
8 and display photographs, objects, oral history tapes, artifacts, and other materials of  
9 African American historic and cultural significance;

10                  (4)    locate, preserve, and disseminate to the public information about  
11 significant buildings and sites relating to African American history and culture; and

12                  (5)    publish an annual report and any other material that the  
13 Commission considers necessary.

14           **(B)    THE COMMISSION MAY PROVIDE OPERATIONAL FUNDING TO A**  
15 **MUSEUM THAT SPECIALIZES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2014.