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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Commemorative Days – Diwali Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim annually a certain day as Diwali Day; requiring the proclamation to urge certain organizations to observe the day with certain activities; and generally relating to Diwali Day.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 13-413

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – State Government

13-413.

(A) IN RECOGNITION OF THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MANY MARYLANDERS FOR WHOM DIWALI HOLDS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROCLAIM ANNUALLY THE FIRST SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER AS DIWALI DAY.

(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE DIWALI DAY PROPERLY WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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