

SENATE BILL 651

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By: **Senators Getty, Astle, Colburn, Currie, DeGrange, Edwards, Gladden,
Glassman, Jennings, Peters, and Robey**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Commemorative Days – K9 Veterans Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as K9 Veterans Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–402 through 7–412, respectively

to be Section 7–403 through 7–413, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014)

Preamble

WHEREAS, K9 dogs are loyal, loving, and devoted, and have been placed in harm's way, making the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives for their human partners; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of dogs have served with honor, dignity, and valor through the history of our country's birth and growth and have been employed by the United States military from World War I to present conflicts; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



WHEREAS, The official K9 Corps was created on March 13, 1942; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies have established K9 Corps units where dogs are trained for specialized activities such as bomb detection, drug interdiction, search and rescue, border patrol, customs, and secret service; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of K9 Corps dogs is appropriate to honor their service to protect our communities, State, and country; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7-402 through 7-412, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-403 through 7-413, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – General Provisions

7-402.

THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM MARCH 13 AS K9 VETERANS DAY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.