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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Welcome Home Korean War**
3 **Veterans Day**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a certain day each year is Welcome Home Korean War
5 Veterans Day in recognition of the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans.

6 BY renumbering

7 Article – General Provisions
8 Section 7–414 through 7–417, respectively
9 to be Section 7–415 through 7–418, respectively
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2014 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – General Provisions
14 Section 7–414
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

17 Preamble

18 WHEREAS, The Korean War was fought in Korea from 1950 to 1953 and involved
19 the North Korean People’s Army in conflict with the United States armed forces, allies of
20 the United States, and the Republic of Korea Army; and

21 WHEREAS, Between June 1950 and July 1953, approximately 5.8 million
22 Americans served in the United States armed forces during the period of the Korean War;
23 and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, On July 27, 1953, an armistice was signed ending the war and United
2 States armed forces began withdrawing troops; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 36,000 members of the United States armed forces, including
4 531 from the State of Maryland, lost their lives in Korea; more than 103,000 were wounded;
5 more than 8,200 are listed as missing in action or lost or buried at sea; and more than 7,600
6 are still unaccounted for; and

7 WHEREAS, Members of the United States armed forces who served bravely and
8 honorably for the United States during the Korean War returned home to public perception
9 of the war as “The Forgotten War” depriving them of proper appreciation for their patriotic
10 service; and

11 WHEREAS, In July 1995 the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the
12 District of Columbia, and in May 1990 a memorial was dedicated in Maryland to honor
13 those members of the United States armed forces who died and those who were declared
14 missing in action in the Korean War; and

15 WHEREAS, The designation of a “Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day” is an
16 appropriate way for the State to properly thank and honor its members of the United States
17 armed forces for their service and sacrifice during the Korean War; now, therefore,

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That Section(s) 7–414 through 7–417, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the
20 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–415 through 7–418,
21 respectively.

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

24 **Article – General Provisions**

25 **7–414.**

26 **JULY 27 SHALL BE WELCOME HOME KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY IN**
27 **RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS.**

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2019.