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By: **Delegates Riley, Parrott, Boutin, James, Glassman, Moe, Malone, and Rudolph**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Memorial Day - Moment of Silence**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to each year issue a proclamation
4 encouraging the citizens of Maryland to observe a moment of silence at a certain
5 time on Memorial Day to commemorate the acts and efforts of Marylanders who
6 have served and died in the United States Armed Forces.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 13-404
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume)

12 **Preamble**

13 WHEREAS, Memorial Day has been celebrated in this country since May 1866
14 as a way of honoring and remembering the sacrifices of those brave soldiers who gave
15 their lives in defense of their country; and

16 WHEREAS, Memorial Day was intended as a day of personal remembrance; and

17 WHEREAS, 62,000 Maryland men and women served their country in World
18 War I, 147,000 Maryland men and women served in World War II, and tens of
19 thousands of additional Marylanders served in the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian
20 Gulf conflicts; and

21 WHEREAS, Nationally, 498,332 Americans died in the Civil War, 116,516
22 Americans died in World War I, 405,399 died in World War II, 54,246 died in Korea,
23 58,167 died in Vietnam, and 293 died in the Persian Gulf; and

24 WHEREAS, In this hectic modern age, in the midst of our constant rush, we
25 often fail to take the time to remember those who served our country and died while
26 doing so; now, therefore,

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

3 **Article - State Government**

4 13-404.

5 EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ISSUE A PROCLAMATION ENCOURAGING
6 THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE AT
7 3 P.M. ON MEMORIAL DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE HEROIC ACTS AND EFFORTS OF
8 MARYLANDERS WHO HAVE SERVED AND DIED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED
9 FORCES.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2000.