

SENATE BILL 264

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2000 Regular Session  
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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Economic and Environmental Affairs/Commerce and Government Matters --

Introduced by **Senators Hooper, Stone, Green, Jacobs, Harris, Mooney,  
Currie, Ferguson, Jimeno, Roesser, and Hughes**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Memorial Day - Moment of ~~Silence~~ Remembrance ~~Silence~~**

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

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - State Government  
10 Section 13-404  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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## Preamble

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

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

6 WHEREAS, 62,000 Maryland men and women served their country in World  
7 War I, 147,000 Maryland men and women served in World War II, and tens of  
8 thousands of additional Marylanders served in the Korean, Vietnam, ~~and~~ Persian  
9 Gulf and other hostile military conflicts; and

10 ~~WHEREAS, Nationally, 498,332 Americans died in the Civil War, 116,516~~  
11 ~~Americans died in World War I, 405,399 died in World War II, 54,246 died in Korea,~~  
12 ~~58,167 died in Vietnam, and 293 died in the Persian Gulf; and~~

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

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

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**Article - State Government**

19 13-404.

20 EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ISSUE A PROCLAMATION ENCOURAGING  
21 THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE MEDIA, GOVERNMENT  
22 DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, AND BUSINESS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO  
23 OBSERVE A MOMENT OF ~~SILENCE REMEMBRANCE~~ SILENCE AT ~~3 2 3~~ 3 2 3 P.M. ON  
24 MEMORIAL DAY TO UNITE IN REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATE THE HEROIC  
25 ACTS AND EFFORTS OF MARYLANDERS WHO HAVE SERVED AND DIED IN THE ~~UNITED~~  
26 ~~STATES~~ ARMED FORCES.

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