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By: **Senators Hooper, Stone, Green, Jacobs, Harris, Mooney, Currie,
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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~~
5 remembrance at a certain time on Memorial Day to commemorate the acts and
6 efforts of Marylanders who have served and died in the United States Armed
7 Forces.

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

13 Preamble

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Nationally, 498,332 Americans died in the Civil War, 116,516
2 Americans died in World War I, 405,399 died in World War II, 54,246 died in Korea,
3 58,167 died in Vietnam, and 293 died in the Persian Gulf; and

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

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

9 **Article - State Government**

10 13-404.

11 EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ISSUE A PROCLAMATION ENCOURAGING
12 THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO OBSERVE A MOMENT OF ~~SILENCE~~
13 REMEMBRANCE AT 3 2 P.M. ON MEMORIAL DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE HEROIC ACTS
14 AND EFFORTS OF MARYLANDERS WHO HAVE SERVED AND DIED IN THE UNITED
15 STATES ARMED FORCES.

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