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House Bill 1244 (Delegate Frank, *et al.*)
 Health and Government Operations Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

State Government - Maryland Flag Day

This bill requires the Governor to proclaim March 9 as Maryland Flag Day.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Commemorating Maryland Flag Day would not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Three official commemorative days and one month are recognized in State law as shown in **Exhibit 1**. In addition, the Governor must issue a proclamation each year encouraging citizens and other individuals to observe a moment of silence at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to unite in remembrance and commemorate the heroic acts and efforts of Marylanders who have served and died in the U.S. armed forces.

Exhibit 1
 Official Commemorative Days and Months in Maryland

John Hanson's Birthday ¹	April 13
Law Day	May 1
Poetry Day	October 15
Women's History Month	March

¹John Hanson served as the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation from 1781 to 1782.

Background: The General Assembly adopted the official State flag on March 9, 1904. The design of the State flag comes from the shield in the coat of arms of the Calvert family, the colonial proprietors of Maryland. To celebrate the centennial of the State flag, Governor Ehrlich proclaimed March 9, 2004 as Maryland Flag Day.

Additional Information

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