## **HOUSE BILL 828**

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By: Delegate Frank

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2007 Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

## A BILL ENTITLED

#### AN ACT concerning 1

2	Maryland Flag Day
3 4	FOR the purpose of establishing Maryland Flag Day on a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Maryland State Flag.
5	BY adding to
6	Article – State Government
7	Section 13–406
8	Annotated Code of Maryland
9	(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)
10	Preamble
11 12	WHEREAS, The Maryland State Flag was officially adopted as our State Flag by the General Assembly on March 9, 1904; and
13 14	WHEREAS, The Maryland State Flag is the most unique and arguably the most beautiful of all state flags; and
15	WHEREAS, The Maryland State Flag features four panels with two designs
16	that represent the coat-of-arms of Lord Calvert's family; and
17	WHEREAS, The yellow and black design came from Lord Calvert's father's side,
18	the Calvert family, while the red and white cross design came from his mother's side,
19	the Crosslands; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 WHEREAS, During the Civil War, the Union soldiers who fought from 2 Maryland flew the yellow and black banner while the Confederate soldiers from 3 Maryland flew the red and white cross banner, which became known as the "Maryland 4 Cross"; and

5 WHEREAS, After the Civil War, Maryland's Fifth Regiment Armory, which was 6 composed of veterans from the North and the South, adopted a combination banner 7 honoring all those who fought from Maryland. This emblem, resembling the Maryland 8 State Seal, is still used as the insignia for the Maryland National Guard; and

9 WHEREAS, Because the State Flag does not have a distinct top or bottom, it is 10 common to see the flag flown incorrectly; and

WHEREAS, An annual Maryland Flag Day would promote education on thehistory of the flag and how it should be flown; and

13 WHEREAS, An annual Maryland Flag Day would also promote the display ofthis beautiful banner; and

15 WHEREAS, There is no other symbol that symbolizes Maryland more than the16 State Flag; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ehrlich proclaimed March 9, 2004, Maryland Flag Day to
celebrate the centennial of our State Flag; now, therefore,

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article – State Government

22 **13–406.** 

# THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM MARCH 9 AS MARYLAND FLAG DAY.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2007.