

SENATE BILL 5

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By: **Senators Forehand and Miller**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Maryland Charter Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as
4 Maryland Charter Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

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 WHEREAS, While Maryland celebrates Maryland Day on March 25 each year
12 to commemorate the landing of the Ark and the Dove on St. Clement’s Island in 1634,
13 the official origin of the State began nearly 2 years before that date; and

14 WHEREAS, On June 20, 1632, King Charles I granted a charter for the
15 “Maryland Colony” to Cecelius Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore; and

16 WHEREAS, On that day, Cecelius Calvert became the first Proprietor of the
17 Colony of Maryland; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 WHEREAS, The Charter of Maryland established the boundaries of the
 2 Maryland Colony, granted authority for the settlers to use all available resources to
 3 provide for their livelihoods, authorized the settlers to establish a government, and
 4 granted authority for the establishment of economic trade in the Colony; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 22, 1633, the Ark and the Dove sailed for the New
 6 World with almost 200 settlers on board; and

7 WHEREAS, On March 25, 1634, the settlers celebrated their first mass on St.
 8 Clement’s Island and established the province of Maryland; and

9 WHEREAS, Commemoration of the Charter of Maryland would enrich our
 10 understanding of Maryland’s history; now, therefore,

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

13 **Article – State Government**

14 **13–406.**

15 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM JUNE 20 AS MARYLAND**
 16 **CHARTER DAY.**

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