

SENATE BILL 240

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By: **Senators Exum, Conway, Currie, Gladden, Jones, Muse, and Rosapepe**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative ~~Months~~ Month – Black History ~~Months~~**
3 **Month**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim the ~~months of January and~~
5 month of February to be “Black History ~~Months~~ Month”.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – State Government

8 Section 13–502

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, February is the National Black History Month; and

13 ~~WHEREAS, Many important events occurred during the month of January of~~
14 ~~special importance to all Americans that play an important role in Black History,~~
15 ~~including the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, the~~
16 ~~passage the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by Congress on January 31,~~
17 ~~1865, which abolished slavery, and the ratification of the 24th Amendment of the U.S.~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~Constitution on January 23, 1964, which made it illegal to condition the right to vote~~
 2 ~~in federal elections on the payment of a poll tax or other tax and made it easier for~~
 3 ~~Black Americans to register to vote; and~~

4 ~~WHEREAS, Many famous Black Americans were born during the month of~~
 5 ~~January, including Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington Carver, Sojourner~~
 6 ~~Truth, and Nathaniel Turner; and~~

7 WHEREAS, All Americans should learn about and recognize the achievements
 8 of Black Americans, the important role that Black Americans played throughout the
 9 entire history of the United States, and the scientific, literary, and social impact of
 10 Black Americans on our world today; and

11 WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes that the ~~months of January and~~
 12 ~~month of~~ February should be commemorated as ~~the~~ Black History ~~Months~~ Month in
 13 Maryland; now, therefore,

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

16 **Article - State Government**

17 **13-502.**

18 (A) IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT
 19 BLACK AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
 20 PROCLAIM THE ~~MONTHS OF JANUARY AND~~ MONTH OF FEBRUARY EACH YEAR AS
 21 BLACK HISTORY MONTHS MONTH.

22 (B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
 23 ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE BLACK HISTORY MONTHS MONTH PROPERLY
 24 WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.

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