

# SENATE BILL 331

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By: **Senator Frosh**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Rachel Carson Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim annually a certain date as  
4 Rachel Carson Day; and generally relating to establishing Rachel Carson Day.

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, Through careful science and lyric prose, Rachel Carson laid the  
12 foundation for the modern environmental movement in America; and

13 WHEREAS, Her work led to environmental legislation that still guides the  
14 nation; and

15 WHEREAS, Her book, The Silent Spring, created new awareness among  
16 citizens and their government of the risks of certain pesticides; and

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### 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 WHEREAS, Rachel Carson's work led to a ban on DDT and a subsequent  
2 resurgence of many wildlife species in the United States, including the bald eagle; and

3 WHEREAS, The Silent Spring has been cited as one of the best nonfiction books  
4 of the 20th century and one of the 25 greatest science books of all time; and

5 WHEREAS, In honor of her contributions, Rachel Carson received the  
6 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award; and

7 WHEREAS, Rachel Carson was a citizen of Maryland and resided in Maryland  
8 when she produced her most important writings, including The Silent Spring; and

9 WHEREAS, Rachel Carson was born 100 years ago on May 27, 1907; now,  
10 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 **IN RECOGNITION OF RACHEL CARSON'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS**  
16 **TO SCIENCE, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURAL**  
17 **WORLD AND OUR IMPACT ON IT, THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM**  
18 **MAY 27 AS RACHEL CARSON DAY.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 June 1, 2007.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.