

SENATE BILL 1034

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senators Hogan, Astle, Brinkley, Britt, Brochin, Colburn, Conway, Currie, DeGrange, Della, Dyson, Edwards, Exum, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Gladden, Haines, Hooper, Jacobs, Jones, Kasemeyer, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Kramer, Lenett, Madaleno, McFadden, Middleton, Miller, Munson, Muse, Peters, Pinsky, Pipkin, Pugh, Raskin, Robey, Rosapepe, Simonaire, Stoltzfus, Stone, and Zirkin**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

Introduced and read first time: March 25, 2007

Rules suspended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Silver Spring District Courthouse – Renaming**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming the District Courthouse located in Silver Spring,
4 Montgomery County, the Judge L. Leonard Ruben District Courthouse;
5 providing for certain funding for the implementation of this Act; requiring a
6 certain administrative officer to change certain signs to reflect the renaming of
7 the Courthouse; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating
8 to the renaming of the District Courthouse located in Silver Spring,
9 Montgomery County.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 1–603.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2006 Replacement Volume)

15 Preamble

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Judge L. Leonard Ruben served as a member of the United States
2 Navy during the Second World War; and

3 WHEREAS, He served for one term as a member of the Maryland House of
4 Delegates, representing Silver Spring, beginning in 1971; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Ruben was appointed to the Montgomery County District
6 Court in 1974, where he served until 1983, when he was promoted to the Circuit
7 Court; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge L. Leonard Ruben served with distinction until 1995 when
9 he reached the mandatory retirement age of 70, and after retirement continued to help
10 with heavy caseloads by hearing cases several times a month; and

11 WHEREAS, Known as a fair and sensible jurist, Judge Ruben was highly
12 interactive with and attentive to the parties that appeared before him and made every
13 effort to balance justice and compassion as he deliberated and issued his decisions;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, He further distinguished himself by initiating an anti-drug
16 program that served as a model for other jurisdictions in Maryland and elsewhere; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Ruben was active in his community, having served on the
18 Board of Directors of the Hebrew Home for Greater Washington, as well as other
19 community-based institutions; and

20 WHEREAS, Former Maryland State Senator Ida G. Ruben, Judge Ruben's wife,
21 was instrumental in securing the funding for and securing the construction of the
22 Silver Spring District Courthouse, that opened in 2004; and

23 WHEREAS, Judge L. Leonard Ruben, throughout his life, demonstrated an
24 exceptional level of selfless service, ensuring that his compassion and commitment to
25 justice would remain as a lasting legacy to the Maryland and Montgomery County
26 legal communities; and

27 WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to express its profound respect for,
28 and deep gratitude to, Judge L. Leonard Ruben, and to name the District Courthouse,
29 located at 8552 Second Avenue, Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland, in his
30 honor, and in honor of his service to Montgomery County and the State of Maryland;
31 now, therefore,

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

1 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2 **1-603.1.**

3 **THE DISTRICT COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 8552 SECOND AVENUE,**
4 **SILVER SPRING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, SHALL BE RENAMED THE**
5 **JUDGE L. LEONARD RUBEN DISTRICT COURTHOUSE.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

7 (a) Funding for the implementation of this Act shall be as provided to the
8 extent funds are available in the budget of the Judicial Branch appropriated in the
9 State Budget for fiscal 2008.

10 (b) The Chief Administrative Clerk of District 6 – Montgomery County shall
11 ensure the changing of the existing signs in the Courthouse to reflect the renaming of
12 the District Courthouse located in Silver Spring, Montgomery County, as the Judge L.
13 Leonard Ruben District Courthouse.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
15 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
16 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
17 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
18 the date it is enacted.