

HOUSE BILL 895

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CF SB 477

By: **Delegates Ross, Waldstreicher, Carr, and Gutierrez**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Dandy–Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness**
3 **Month**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim the month of May to be
5 “Dandy–Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month”.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – State Government

8 Section 13–503

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, The Dandy–Walker Alliance, Inc., is a Maryland nonprofit
13 corporation that works to increase public awareness of the congenital birth defect
14 known as Dandy–Walker Syndrome; and

15 WHEREAS, The causes of Dandy–Walker Syndrome, the most common
16 congenital malformation of the cerebellum, are largely unknown; and

17 WHEREAS, Dandy–Walker Syndrome is difficult to diagnose but may affect as
18 many as 1 in every 5,000 live–born infants; and

19 WHEREAS, Approximately 70 to 90% of patients with Dandy–Walker
20 Syndrome have hydrocephalus, a serious neurological condition characterized by the
21 abnormal buildup of cerebrospinal fluids in the ventricles of the brain; and

22 WHEREAS, Failure to diagnose Dandy–Walker Syndrome with hydrocephalus
23 in a neonate or a child can cause serious neurological complications; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



