

# HOUSE BILL 957

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By: **Delegate V. Clagett**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## 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 2007 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

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 WHEREAS, Commemoration of the Charter of Maryland would enrich our  
4 understanding of Maryland's history; now, therefore,

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

7 **Article – State Government**

8 **13–406.**

9 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM JUNE 20 AS MARYLAND**  
10 **CHARTER DAY.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2008.