

HOUSE BILL 1516

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Annapolis Charter Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as
4 Annapolis 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, Annapolis is the capital of the State of Maryland; and

12 WHEREAS, On November 22, 1708, the residents of Annapolis received a Royal
13 Charter that granted them powers of self–government, the origins of which are rooted
14 in the Charter of Maryland of 1632; and

15 WHEREAS, The Charter of Maryland and the Annapolis Charter are crucial
16 documents that underscore the rights and responsibilities of Maryland residents; and

17 WHEREAS, The Charter of Maryland and the Annapolis Charter are
18 fundamental documents in the history of democracy and the rule of law; and

19 WHEREAS, On December 17, 1708, the General Assembly confirmed and
20 codified Annapolis’ chartered powers of self–government, making Annapolis the first
21 incorporated municipality in Maryland; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, A provision in the Annapolis Charter calling for an elected common
2 council is a lasting testament to the importance of local representative government in
3 Maryland; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2008, the City of Annapolis celebrates the 300th anniversary of
5 the granting of the City's original charter; now, therefore,

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

8 **Article - State Government**

9 **13-406.**

10 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 22 AS**
11 **ANNAPOLIS CHARTER DAY.**

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