

# SENATE BILL 546

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By: **Senators Forehand and Miller**

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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 – Maryland Charter Day and**  
3 **Annapolis Charter Day**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as  
5 Maryland Charter Day; requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain  
6 day as Annapolis Charter Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Government

9 Section 13–406 and 13–407

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, While Maryland celebrates Maryland Day on March 25 each year  
14 to commemorate the landing of the Ark and the Dove on St. Clement’s Island in 1634,  
15 the official origin of the State began nearly 2 years before that date; and

16 WHEREAS, On June 20, 1632, King Charles I granted a charter for the  
17 “Maryland Colony” to Cecelius Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore; and

18 WHEREAS, On that day, Cecelius Calvert became the first Proprietor of the  
19 Colony of Maryland; 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, The Charter of Maryland established the boundaries of the  
2 Maryland Colony, granted authority for the settlers to use all available resources to  
3 provide for their livelihoods, authorized the settlers to establish a government, and  
4 granted authority for the establishment of economic trade in the Colony; and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, The first settlement in the area of what is now Annapolis was  
10 established in 1649; and

11 WHEREAS, On December 17, 1708, the General Assembly adopted the  
12 Annapolis Charter; and

13 WHEREAS, Commemoration of the Charter of Maryland and the Annapolis  
14 Charter would enrich our understanding of Maryland's history; now, therefore,

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 **13-406.**

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

21 **13-407.**

22 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM DECEMBER 17 AS**  
23 **ANNAPOLIS CHARTER DAY.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 ~~October~~ June 1, 2008.