

HOUSE BILL 1045

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Carter, Oaks, and Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Earth Hour**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to issue an order, in observance
4 of Earth Hour, that the lights in certain buildings be turned off on a certain day
5 at a certain time and remain off for a certain period of time; making this Act an
6 emergency measure; and generally relating to Earth Hour.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – State Government

9 Section 13–409

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – State Government**

15 **13–409.**

16 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER, IN OBSERVANCE OF**
17 **EARTH HOUR, THAT REQUIRES THE LIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND THE**
18 **STATE HOUSE TO BE TURNED OFF ON THE LAST SATURDAY IN MARCH AT 8:30**
19 **P.M. AND TO REMAIN OFF FOR 1 HOUR.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
21 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
22 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members
23 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
24 the date it is enacted.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

