

HOUSE BILL 828

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Hixson**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2012

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Saint David’s Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as
4 Saint David’s Day; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally
5 relating to commemorative days.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – State Government

8 Section 13–410

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, Marylanders of all backgrounds and experiences contribute to our
13 State’s rich cultural and geographical diversity, and it is important for the people of
14 our State to recognize the contributions of people of every heritage; and

15 WHEREAS, Many original settlers of the United States, signatories of the
16 Declaration of Independence, and leaders in American government, industry, law,
17 education, labor, finance, architecture, music, religion, and literature came from Wales
18 or were of Welsh origin; and

19 WHEREAS, Rivers in the State are named for rivers in Wales, including the
20 Wye and the Severn, and the State’s institutions of higher education enjoy the names
21 and endowments of leaders of Welsh origin; and

22 WHEREAS, The people of Wales and those of Welsh heritage in many lands
23 honor the memory and spiritual blessings of their patron saint, David, especially on or
24 about his feast day, March 1; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The City of Annapolis is twinned with the town of Newport which
2 is in the county of Pembroke in Wales; and

3 WHEREAS, The St. David's Welsh American Society of Washington, D.C., many
4 of whose members reside and work in the State, will celebrate its 126th anniversary
5 with a banquet in honor of St. David at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., on
6 February 25, 2012; now, therefore,

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

9 **Article – State Government**

10 **13-410.**

11 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM MARCH 1 AS SAINT**
12 **DAVID'S DAY.**

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