

HOUSE BILL 762

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Diwali Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim annually a certain day as
4 Diwali Day; requiring the proclamation to urge certain organizations to observe
5 the day with certain activities; and generally relating to Diwali Day.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – State Government

8 Section 13-413

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – State Government**

14 **13-413.**

15 **(A) IN RECOGNITION OF THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL**
16 **CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MANY MARYLANDERS FOR WHOM DIWALI HOLDS**
17 **SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROCLAIM ANNUALLY THE**
18 **FIRST SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER AS DIWALI DAY.**

19 **(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL**
20 **ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE DIWALI DAY PROPERLY WITH APPROPRIATE**
21 **PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2014.