

# SENATE BILL 651

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By: **Senators Getty, Astle, Colburn, Currie, DeGrange, Edwards, Gladden, Glassman, Jennings, Peters, ~~and Robey~~ Robey, Conway, Dyson, and Reilly**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – K9 Veterans Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as K9  
4 Veterans Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

5 BY renumbering

6 Article – General Provisions

7 Section 7–402 through 7–412, respectively

8 to be Section 7–403 through 7–413, respectively

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
11 2014)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – General Provisions

14 Section 7–402

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
17 2014)

18 Preamble

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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, K9 dogs are loyal, loving, and devoted, and have been placed in  
 2 harm's way, making the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives for their human  
 3 partners; and

4 WHEREAS, Thousands of dogs have served with honor, dignity, and valor  
 5 through the history of our country's birth and growth and have been employed by the  
 6 United States military from World War I to present conflicts; and

7 WHEREAS, The official K9 Corps was created on March 13, 1942; and

8 WHEREAS, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies have  
 9 established K9 Corps units where dogs are trained for specialized activities such as  
 10 bomb detection, drug interdiction, search and rescue, border patrol, customs, and  
 11 secret service; and

12 WHEREAS, Recognition of K9 Corps dogs is appropriate to honor their service  
 13 to protect our communities, State, and country; now, therefore,

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 15 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7-402 through 7-412, respectively, of Article – General  
 16 Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-403  
 17 through 7-413, respectively.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
 19 read as follows:

20 **Article – General Provisions**

21 **7-402.**

22 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM MARCH 13 AS K9**  
 23 **VETERANS DAY.**

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 25 October 1, 2014.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.