

SENATE BILL 39

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – State Designations – Great Seal and State Motto**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain statutory translation of the Calvert family motto
4 depicted on the Great Seal of the State; establishing a certain meaning for the
5 Calvert family motto; designating the Calvert family motto as the State motto; and
6 generally relating to the Great Seal of the State and the State motto.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – General Provisions

9 Section 7–102(b)(1)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – General Provisions

14 Section 7–316.1

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – General Provisions**

20 7–102.

21 (b) (1) The reverse of the Great Seal of Maryland depicts:

22 (i) the family coat of arms for Lord Baltimore, as described in
23 paragraph (2) of this subsection;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) an Earl's coronet placed above the shield indicating George
2 Calvert's status as an earl or a count palatine in Maryland, though only a baron in England;

3 (iii) above the Earl's coronet, a helmet set full-faced;

4 (iv) above the helmet, the Calvert crest, which consists of two
5 pennons, or pennants, supported by gules (red) staffs, issuing from the ducal coronet:

6 1. the dexter (right) pennon, of or (gold); and

7 2. the other pennon, of sable (black);

8 (v) a plowman wearing a high-crowned, broad-brimmed beaver hat
9 and holding one side of the shield with his left hand and a spade in his right hand;

10 (vi) a fisherman wearing a knitted cap somewhat resembling a
11 stocking cap and holding one side of the shield with his right hand and in his left hand a
12 fish that is not specific to any species; and

13 (vii) at the feet of the plowman and fisherman, a ribbon containing,
14 in Italian, the Calvert family motto, "Fatti maschii parole femine", [loosely translated as
15 "Manly deeds, womanly words"] **WHICH GENERALLY MEANS "STRONG DEEDS, GENTLE**
16 **WORDS"**.

17 **7-316.1.**

18 **THE CALVERT FAMILY MOTTO, "FATTI MASCHII PAROLE FEMINE", WHICH**
19 **GENERALLY MEANS "STRONG DEEDS, GENTLE WORDS", IS THE STATE MOTTO.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2016.