

HOUSE BILL 1250

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By: **Delegate Adams**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Spotted Turtle Awareness Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as Spotted
4 Turtle Awareness Day; and generally relating to Spotted Turtle Awareness Day.

5 BY renumbering

6 Article – General Provisions

7 Section 7–402 through 7–417, respectively

8 to be Section 7–403 through 7–418, respectively

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2014 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article – General Provisions

13 Section 7–402

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2014 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

16 Preamble

17 WHEREAS, The spotted turtle is a species of turtle found throughout Maryland; and

18 WHEREAS, The spotted turtle population is declining due to habitat destruction and
19 alteration, including saltwater intrusion due to sea level rise, collection for the pet trade,
20 vehicle mortality, and other human impacts; and

21 WHEREAS, It is estimated that the current maximum population of spotted turtle
22 is 1,205; and

23 WHEREAS, February 17 is recognized nationally as Random Act of Kindness Day
24 and is an appropriate date on which to raise awareness about spotted turtles; now,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 therefore,

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
3 That Section(s) 7-402 through 7-417, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the
4 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-403 through 7-418,
5 respectively.

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

8 **Article – General Provisions**

9 **7-402.**

10 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 17 AS SPOTTED**
11 **TURTLE AWARENESS DAY.**

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2018.