

# HOUSE BILL 744

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By: **Delegate Dumais**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – International Day of the Girl**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as the  
4 International Day of the Girl; requiring the proclamation to urge certain  
5 organizations to observe the International Day of the Girl properly; and generally  
6 relating to the International Day of the Girl.

7 BY renumbering

8 Article – General Provisions

9 Section 7–415 through 7–417, respectively

10 to be Section 7–416 through 7–418, respectively

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – General Provisions

15 Section 7–415

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 Preamble

19 WHEREAS, On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted  
20 Resolution 66/170 to declare October 11 each year as the International Day of the Girl to  
21 recognize girls’ rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world; and

22 WHEREAS, The International Day of the Girl publicly recognizes the vulnerable  
23 positions of girls worldwide and endorses their protection and promotion as equal citizens  
24 in every country; and

25 WHEREAS, In various countries, girls do not have the right of free speech or enjoy

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 privileges afforded others in their respective societies, are exploited and attacked, and are  
2 subjected to media pressure concerning how they should look, act, and feel; and

3 WHEREAS, The observation of the International Day of the Girl supports more  
4 opportunity for girls and increases awareness of gender inequality faced by girls worldwide  
5 based on their gender; and

6 WHEREAS, The observance of the International Day of the Girl in Maryland may  
7 help build awareness of the challenges faced by girls worldwide and promote the end of  
8 gender discrimination; now, therefore,

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
10 That Section(s) 7-415 through 7-417, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-416 through 7-418,  
12 respectively.

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

15 **Article – General Provisions**

16 **7-415.**

17 **(A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM OCTOBER 11 AS**  
18 **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL.**

19 **(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL**  
20 **ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL PROPERLY.**

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2019.