

SENATE BILL 472

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By: **Senators Nathan–Pulliam, Augustine, Benson, Eckardt, Ellis, Feldman,
Ferguson, Kelley, Lam, Lee, Patterson, Smith, Young, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Caribbean Day in Maryland**

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

7 BY renumbering

8 Article – General Provisions

9 Section 7–414 through 7–417, respectively

10 to be Section 7–415 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 7–414

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 Preamble

19 WHEREAS, Maryland is home to a substantial number of Caribbean Americans; and

20 WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans have greatly enriched Maryland’s cultural
21 diversity, are very beneficial to its economy, and have contributed to our proud heritage;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that Maryland celebrate the heritage and contribution
24 of its Caribbean American people; now, therefore,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That Section(s) 7-414 through 7-417, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the
3 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-415 through 7-418,
4 respectively.

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

7 **Article – General Provisions**

8 **7-414.**

9 **(A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE FIRST MONDAY IN**
10 **AUGUST AS CARIBBEAN DAY IN MARYLAND.**

11 **(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL**
12 **ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE CARIBBEAN DAY IN MARYLAND PROPERLY WITH**
13 **APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.**

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2019.