

# SENATE BILL 20

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By: ~~Senator Patterson~~ **Senators Patterson and Carozza**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration**  
3 **Day**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as Tuskegee  
5 Airmen Commemoration Day; requiring the proclamation to urge certain  
6 organizations to observe Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day through  
7 appropriate and informative programs and activities; and generally relating to  
8 Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day.

9 BY renumbering

10 Article – General Provisions  
11 Section 7–402 through 7–417, respectively  
12 to be Section 7–403 through 7–418, respectively  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2019 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – General Provisions  
17 Section 7–402  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2019 Replacement Volume)

20 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, The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of African American military pilots  
2 who served the United States with distinction during World War II; and

3 WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen overcame a history of harsh segregation and rigid  
4 social barriers to serve in meaningful roles in defense of our country; and

5 WHEREAS, Recognition of the Tuskegee Airmen's valiant and amazing feats during  
6 and after World War II was slow in arriving; and

7 WHEREAS, Several Tuskegee Airmen have special ties to Maryland, some of whom  
8 currently reside in Maryland and others who resided in Maryland at other times, having  
9 contributed richly to the culture of our State; and

10 WHEREAS, The East Coast Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated, provides  
11 \$15,000 annually to graduating high school seniors and college students in need of tuition  
12 assistance as well as over \$20,000 of scholarship awards towards aviation classes; and

13 WHEREAS, The month of March is special in the history of the Tuskegee Airmen  
14 because it is the month that the first aviation cadets completed pilot training and received  
15 their wings; the first aircraft maintenance crews began training at Chanute Field, Rantoul,  
16 Illinois; the first squadron was activated; and President George W. Bush presented the  
17 Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Gold Medal on March 27, 2007; now, therefore,

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

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

24 **Article – General Provisions**

25 **7-402.**

26 **(A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE FOURTH THURSDAY**  
27 **IN MARCH AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY.**

28 **(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL**  
29 **ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY**  
30 **THROUGH APPROPRIATE AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.**

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2020.