

# SENATE BILL 8

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CF HB 667

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By: **Senator Kagan**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – State Song – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the State song.

4 BY repealing

5 Article – General Provisions

6 Section 7–318

7 Annotated Code of Maryland

8 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

9 BY renumbering

10 Article – General Provisions

11 Section 7–319

12 to be Section 7–318

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – General Provisions**

18 [7–318.

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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 (a) The poem “Maryland! My Maryland!”, written by James Ryder Randall in  
2 1861 and set to the tune of “Lauriger Horatius”, is the State song.

3 (b) The words of the State song are:

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5 The despot’s heel is on thy shore,  
6 Maryland!

7 His torch is at thy temple door,  
8 Maryland!

9 Avenge the patriotic gore  
10 That flecked the streets of Baltimore,  
11 And be the battle queen of yore,  
12 Maryland! My Maryland!

13 II

14 Hark to an exiled son’s appeal,  
15 Maryland!

16 My mother State! to thee I kneel,  
17 Maryland!

18 For life and death, for woe and weal,  
19 Thy peerless chivalry reveal,  
20 And gird thy beauteous limbs with steel,  
21 Maryland! My Maryland!

22 III

23 Thou wilt not cower in the dust,  
24 Maryland!

25 Thy beaming sword shall never rust,  
26 Maryland!

27 Remember Carroll’s sacred trust,  
28 Remember Howard’s warlike thrust,—  
29 And all thy slumberers with the just,  
30 Maryland! My Maryland!

31 IV

32 Come! ‘tis the red dawn of the day,  
33 Maryland!

34 Come with thy panoplied array,  
35 Maryland!

36 With Ringgold’s spirit for the fray,  
37 With Watson’s blood at Monterey,  
38 With fearless Lowe and dashing May,  
39 Maryland! My Maryland!

40 V

41 Come! for thy shield is bright and strong,



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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 7–319 of Article –  
2 General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)  
3 7–318.

4           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
5 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.