

# SENATE BILL 142

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By: **Senator Ellis**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legal Holiday – Maryland Emancipation Day – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing Maryland Emancipation Day as a State legal holiday, a  
4 public school holiday, a bank holiday, and a State employee holiday; and generally  
5 relating to Maryland Emancipation Day.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Education

8 Section 7–103(c)(1)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Financial Institutions

13 Section 5–705(a)(1)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – General Provisions

18 Section 1–111(a)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

23 Section 9–201

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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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 the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 7–103.

5 (c) (1) The following days are public school holidays:

6 **(I) MARYLAND EMANCIPATION DAY;**

7 **[(i)] (II) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;**

8 **[(ii)] (III) Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;**

9 **[(iii)] (IV) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;**

10 **[(iv)] (V) Presidents' Day;**

11 **[(v)] (VI) The Friday before Easter and from then through the**  
12 **Monday after Easter;**

13 **[(vi)] (VII) Memorial Day; and**

14 **[(vii)] (VIII) Primary and general election days.**

15 **Article – Financial Institutions**

16 5–705.

17 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, each banking institution  
18 shall be closed on the following legal holidays:

19 (i) New Year's Day;

20 (ii) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday;

21 (iii) Washington's Birthday;

22 (iv) Good Friday;

23 (v) Memorial Day;

24 (vi) Independence Day;

25 (vii) Labor Day;

1 (viii) Columbus Day;

2 **(IX) MARYLAND EMANCIPATION DAY;**

3 ~~[(ix)]~~ **(X)** Veterans' Day;

4 ~~[(x)]~~ **(XI)** Thanksgiving Day; and

5 ~~[(xi)]~~ **(XII)** Christmas Day.

6 **Article – General Provisions**

7 1–111.

8 (a) In this Code and any regulation or directive adopted under it, “legal holiday”  
9 means:

10 (1) January 1, for New Year’s Day;

11 (2) (i) January 15, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday; or

12 (ii) if the United States Congress designates another day for  
13 observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, the day designated by the United  
14 States Congress;

15 (3) February 12, for Lincoln’s birthday;

16 (4) the third Monday in February, for Washington’s birthday;

17 (5) March 25, for Maryland Day;

18 (6) Good Friday;

19 (7) (i) May 30, for Memorial Day; or

20 (ii) if the United States Congress designates another day for  
21 observance of Memorial Day, the day designated by the United States Congress;

22 (8) July 4, for Independence Day;

23 (9) the first Monday in September, for Labor Day;

24 (10) September 12, for Defenders’ Day;

25 (11) (i) October 12, for Columbus Day; or

1 (ii) if the United States Congress designates another day for  
2 observance of Columbus Day, the day designated by the United States Congress;

3 **(12) NOVEMBER 1, FOR MARYLAND EMANCIPATION DAY;**

4 ~~[(12)]~~ **(13)** November 11, for Veterans' Day;

5 ~~[(13)]~~ **(14)** the fourth Thursday in November, for Thanksgiving Day;

6 ~~[(14)]~~ **(15)** the Friday after Thanksgiving Day, for American Indian  
7 Heritage Day;

8 ~~[(15)]~~ **(16)** December 25, for Christmas Day;

9 ~~[(16)]~~ **(17)** each statewide general election day in the State; and

10 ~~[(17)]~~ **(18)** each other day that the President of the United States or the  
11 Governor designates for general cessation of business.

## 12 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

13 9–201.

14 In this title, “employee holiday” includes:

15 (1) January 1, for New Year's Day;

16 (2) January 15, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, unless the  
17 United States Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in  
18 which case, the day designated by the United States Congress;

19 (3) the third Monday in February, for Presidents' Day;

20 (4) May 30, for Memorial Day, unless the United States Congress  
21 designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case, the day  
22 designated by the United States Congress;

23 (5) July 4, for Independence Day;

24 (6) the first Monday in September, for Labor Day;

25 (7) October 12, for Columbus Day, unless the United States Congress  
26 designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case, the day  
27 designated by the United States Congress;

28 **(8) NOVEMBER 1, FOR MARYLAND EMANCIPATION DAY;**

- 1            ~~[(8)]~~ **(9)**        November 11, for Veterans' Day;
- 2            ~~[(9)]~~ **(10)**       the fourth Thursday in November, for Thanksgiving Day;
- 3            ~~[(10)]~~ **(11)**      the Friday after Thanksgiving Day, for American Indian  
4 Heritage Day;
- 5            ~~[(11)]~~ **(12)**      December 25, for Christmas Day;
- 6            ~~[(12)]~~ **(13)**      each statewide general election day in this State; and
- 7            ~~[(13)]~~ **(14)**      each other day that the President of the United States or the  
8 Governor designates for general cessation of business.

9            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2021.