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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

State Designation – State Song – Come Home to Maryland

FOR the purpose of designating “Come Home to Maryland” as the State song; and generally relating to the State song.

BY renumbering
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–318
to be Section 7–319
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–318
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7–318 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–319.

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

Article – General Provisions

7–318.

(A) The song “Come Home to Maryland”, written by David Hooper,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
IS THE STATE SONG.

(B) THE WORDS OF THE STATE SONG ARE:

I
COME HOME TO MARYLAND, LAND THAT I LOVE
WAVES ACROSS THE OCEAN AND MOUNTAINS ABOVE
BRIGHT LIGHT EXCITEMENT ON THE STREETS OF BALTIMORE
WALKING PEACEFUL COUNTRY ROADS DOWN ON THE EASTERN SHORE

II
ANTIETAM, O ANTIETAM, WHAT A GRIM AND MOURNFUL DAY
WHEN BROTHERS FOUGHT WITH BROTHERS
AND THEY DIED IN BLUE AND GRAY

III
THERE'S HISTORY AND TRADITION IN OUR CITIES BY THE BAY
LANDS OF PLEASANT LIVING AND HARBORS OF GRACE
THE CHURCH AT OLD ST. MARY'S AND THE ARK AND THE DOVE
ALL PART OF MARYLAND, LAND THAT I LOVE

IV
SKIPJACKS AND CLIPPER SHIPS WITH SAILS AGAINST THE SKY
AND MOUNTAIN MORNINGS BRING AN ALLEGANY MOUNTAIN HIGH

V
COME HOME TO MARYLAND, THERE'S NO PLACE QUITE THE SAME
COME HOME TO MARYLAND, WHERE PEOPLE KNOW YOUR NAME

VI
FORT McHENRY'S STAR SPANGLED BANNER STILL WAVES
A VISION TO THE WORLD WE'RE STILL THE HOME OF THE BRAVE

VII
COME HOME TO MARYLAND, LAND THAT I LOVE
WAVES ACROSS THE OCEAN AND MOUNTAINS ABOVE, O THERE'S
BRIGHT LIGHTS EXCITEMENT ON THE STREETS OF BALTIMORE
WALKING PEACEFUL COUNTRY ROADS WITH A GIRL FROM THE EASTERN SHORE

VIII
COME HOME TO MARYLAND, LAND THAT I LOVE

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2022.