

HOUSE BILL 1166

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Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Designation – State Song – Come Home to Maryland**

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

5 BY renumbering

6 Article – General Provisions

7 Section 7–318

8 to be Section 7–319

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article – General Provisions

13 Section 7–318

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

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

21 **Article – General Provisions**

22 **7–318.**

23 **(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.



1 IS THE STATE SONG.

2 (B) THE WORDS OF THE STATE SONG ARE:

3 I

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

8 II

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

12 III

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

17 IV

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

20 V

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

23 VI

24 FORT MCHENRY'S STAR SPANGLED BANNER STILL WAVES
25 A VISION TO THE WORLD WE'RE STILL THE HOME OF THE BRAVE

26 VII

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

31 VIII

32 COME HOME TO MARYLAND, LAND THAT I LOVE

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