SENATE BILL 470

By: Senator Rosapepe
Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2022
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Dashain Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim October 5 as Dashain Day.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions
Section 7–415 through 7–417, respectively
to be Section 7–416 through 7–418, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 7–415
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Dashain Day is a festival, originating in Nepal, that is celebrated in parts of South Asia and in South Asian communities around the world, including in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The festival is rooted in the central cultural beliefs of unity and diversity and the belief that the world is one family, embodied by the spiritual Sanskrit phrase, “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”; and

WHEREAS, The festival is celebrated from Ghatasthapana until Kojagrat Purnima, lasting up to 15 days; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
WHEREAS, During the festival, individuals make resolutions to create harmony in
the fight against evil throughout the year; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That Section(s) 7–415 through 7–417, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the
Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–416 through 7–418,
respectively.

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

Article – General Provisions

7–415.

THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 5 AS DASHAIN DAY,
A FESTIVAL ORIGINATING IN NEPAL THAT CELEBRATES AND SYMBOLIZES VICTORY
OF GOOD OVER EVIL.

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