

# SENATE BILL 470

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Dashain Day**

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

4 BY renumbering

5 Article – General Provisions

6 Section 7–415 through 7–417, respectively

7 to be Section 7–416 through 7–418, respectively

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

10 BY adding to

11 Article – General Provisions

12 Section 7–415

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 **Preamble**

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, During the festival, individuals make resolutions to create harmony in  
2 the fight against evil throughout the year; now, therefore,

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

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

9 **Article – General Provisions**

10 **7-415.**

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

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