

# SENATE BILL 842

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senators Kramer, Brooks, Corderman, Elfreth, Feldman, Gile, Griffith, Hettleman, Ready, Waldstreicher, Lewis Young, ~~and Zucker~~ Augustine, Gallion, Hester, Kagan, Watson, M. Washington, and Zucker**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to annually proclaim a certain day as Maryland  
4 Holocaust Remembrance Day; requiring the proclamation to include a certain  
5 declaration; and generally relating to Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day.

6 BY renumbering

7 Article – General Provisions

8 Section 7–402 through 7–418

9 to be Section 7–403 through 7–419, respectively

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 BY adding to  
2 Article – General Provisions  
3 Section 7–402  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

6 Preamble

7 WHEREAS, The Holocaust, the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and  
8 murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators, resulted in the murder  
9 of six million Jewish men and women, including one and a half million children; and

10 WHEREAS, Millions of survivors of the Holocaust endured great suffering through  
11 violence, torture, slave labor, and brutal medical experimentation; and

12 ~~WHEREAS, Millions of others, including Roma, people with disabilities, LGBTQ~~  
13 ~~people, Jehovah's Witnesses, political dissidents, and more suffered and died because of~~  
14 ~~bigotry and hate; and~~

15 WHEREAS, Prejudice, bigotry, bias, and racism have been, and continue to be, the  
16 cause of conflict, war, and mass atrocities; and

17 WHEREAS, Research shows that the tragedy that is the Holocaust is quickly being  
18 forgotten, which will inevitably lead to an increased likelihood of ethnic cleansing, genocide,  
19 terrorism, and crimes against humanity; and

20 WHEREAS, Social media has proven to be a platform for spreading misinformation,  
21 lies, and hate; and

22 WHEREAS, Holocaust denial, the effort to minimize the historical reality and  
23 barbarism of the Holocaust and the vast extent of death and carnage it caused, is becoming  
24 commonplace; and

25 WHEREAS, Remembering the Holocaust offers an opportunity to study and reflect  
26 on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

27 WHEREAS, It is important to remember, honor, and emulate the righteous people,  
28 including the Allied Forces, who risked their lives to save thousands of innocent people  
29 during the Holocaust and to learn from their legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; and

30 WHEREAS, January 27th is the date designated by the United Nations as  
31 International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

32 WHEREAS, The State of Israel, a democratic ally of the United States, has been a  
33 safe haven for Jews fleeing the horrors of the Holocaust and persecution; now, therefore,

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That Section(s) 7–402 through 7–418 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code  
3 of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–403 through 7–419, respectively.

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

6 Article – General Provisions

7 7–402.

8 (A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM JANUARY 27 AS  
9 MARYLAND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY.

10 (B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL DECLARE MARYLAND HOLOCAUST  
11 REMEMBRANCE DAY:

12 (1) A DAY OF REFLECTION, RECOLLECTION, AND DETERMINATION  
13 FOR MARYLAND FAMILIES, EDUCATORS, RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, POLITICAL  
14 BODIES, AND MEDIA TO REMEMBER THE HUMAN TRAGEDY THAT IS THE HOLOCAUST;  
15 AND

16 (2) A PLEDGE TO SPREAD THE LESSONS AND THE REALITY OF THE  
17 HOLOCAUST TO FUTURE GENERATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT WE NEVER  
18 FORGET AND BEAR WITNESS TO THE MASS SLAUGHTER OF HUMAN BEINGS AS A  
19 CONSEQUENCE OF PREJUDICE, BIGOTRY, IGNORANCE, AND HATE.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.