

HOUSE BILL 368

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Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2025
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Month – Maryland Native Plant Month**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to annually proclaim a certain month as
4 Maryland Native Plant Month; requiring the proclamation to urge educational and
5 environmental organizations and businesses to observe Maryland Native Plant
6 Month properly; and generally relating to Maryland Native Plant Month.

7 BY renumbering

8 Article – General Provisions

9 Section 7–504 through 7–507

10 to be Section 7–505 through 7–508, respectively

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – General Provisions

15 Section 7–504

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That Section(s) 7–504 through 7–507 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code
20 of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–505 through 7–508, respectively.

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

23 **Article – General Provisions**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **7-504.**

2 **(A) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS**
3 **MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF THE BENEFITS THAT**
4 **NATIVE PLANTS HAVE ON MARYLAND'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.**

5 **(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL**
6 **ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES TO OBSERVE MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT MONTH**
7 **PROPERLY WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES.**

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2025.