

HOUSE BILL 1327

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HB 1544/25 – HGO

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By: **Delegate Bhandari**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Key Bridge Heroes Commemoration Day and Memorial Tribute Ceremony**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain day as Key Bridge Heroes Commemoration Day
4 in recognition of the service and sacrifice of certain workers; requiring a certain
5 ceremony to honor and remember the sacrifices and contributions of certain workers;
6 and generally relating to the Key Bridge Heroes Commemoration Day and memorial
7 tribute ceremony.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – General Provisions

10 Section 7–405 through 7–421

11 to be Section 7–406 through 7–422, respectively

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY adding to

15 Article – General Provisions

16 Section 7–405

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 Preamble

20 WHEREAS, Immigrant workers in Maryland are disproportionately employed in
21 work that is physically demanding, hazardous, and performed during nontraditional hours,
22 including overnight roadway and infrastructure maintenance; and

23 WHEREAS, These workers perform essential labor that supports public safety and
24 the functioning of the State’s economy, often at significant personal risk; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly recognizes the tragic loss of life of the
2 six workers who perished in the Key Bridge collapse on March 26, 2024, whose sacrifices
3 should be memorialized; now, therefore,

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
5 That Section(s) 7–405 through 7–421 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code
6 of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–406 through 7–422, respectively.

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

9 **Article – General Provisions**

10 **7–405.**

11 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM MARCH 26 AS KEY BRIDGE**
12 **HEROES COMMEMORATION DAY AND ENCOURAGE THE MEDIA, GOVERNMENT**
13 **UNITS, BUSINESS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND CITIZENS OF THE STATE TO**
14 **UNITE IN REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATE THE SACRIFICES OF THE FOLLOWING**
15 **WORKERS WHO DIED SERVING MARYLANDERS DURING THE COLLAPSE OF THE**
16 **FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE ON MARCH 26, 2024:**

17 (1) **DORLIAN RONIAL CASTILLO CABRERA;**

18 (2) **ALEJANDRO HERNANDEZ FUENTES;**

19 (3) **MIGUEL ANGEL LUNA GONZALEZ;**

20 (4) **CARLOS DANIEL HERNANDEZ;**

21 (5) **JOSE MYNOR LOPEZ; AND**

22 (6) **MAYNOR YASSIR SUAZO SANDOVAL.**

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall honor and
24 remember the sacrifices and contributions of the Key Bridge Heroes and recognize the
25 heroes' family members and loved ones in an official State ceremony held in Annapolis on
26 March 26, 2027.

27 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
28 30, 2026.