

Chapter 505

(Senate Bill 35)

AN ACT concerning

~~State Designations – State Natural Science Sciences Museum – The Natural History Society of Maryland~~
State Designations and Commemorative Days – State Shark, State Natural Sciences Museum, and Purple Lights Night

FOR the purpose of designating the megalodon as the State shark; designating ~~the~~ The Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural ~~science~~ sciences museum; requiring the Governor to annually proclaim a certain day as Purple Lights Night; and generally relating to ~~a State natural science sciences museum~~ State designations and commemorative days.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions

Section ~~7-325 and 7-310, 7-325, 7-326, and 7-417 through 7-421~~

to be Section ~~7-326.1 and 7-311, 7-326.1, 7-325, and 7-418 through 7-422,~~ respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions

Section 7-310, 7-326, and 7-417

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) ~~7-325 and 7-326~~ 7-310, 7-325, 7-326, and 7-417 through 7-421 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) ~~7-326.1 and 7-325~~ 7-311, 7-326.1, 7-325, and 7-418 through 7-422, respectively.

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

Article – General Provisions

7-310.

THE MEGALODON (OTODUS MEGALODON) IS THE STATE SHARK.

7-326.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND IS THE STATE NATURAL ~~SCIENCE~~ SCIENCES MUSEUM.

7-417.

THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM OCTOBER 1 AS PURPLE LIGHTS NIGHT TO HONOR THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE WHO ARE VICTIMS OR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE STATE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.