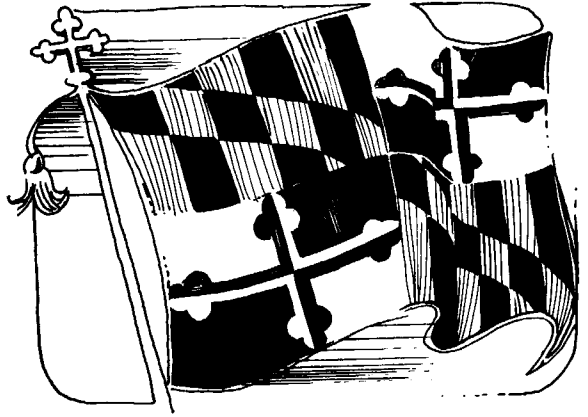


**STATE FLAG.** Maryland's flag bears the arms of the Calvert and Crossland families. Calvert was the family name of the Lords Baltimore who founded Maryland. Crossland was the family of the mother of George Calvert, first Lord Baltimore. The escutcheon, or shield, in the Maryland Seal bears the same arms. This flag was first flown in its present form on October 25, 1888, at Gettysburg Battlefield for ceremonies dedicating monuments to Maryland regiments of the Army of the Potomac. It was officially adopted by Chapter 48, Acts of 1904. The cross botony (spelled "botony" in the law) affixed to the top of the flagstaff was made the official ornament by Chapter 862, Acts of 1945 (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 72-74).



MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND!

Andante. 1. The  
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down-pole-heel is on thy shore, Ma-ry-land, My Ma-ry-land! His  
to a wa-ving state's up-pole! Ma-ry-land, My Ma-ry-land! My

touch is at thy temple-door, Ma-ry-land, My Ma-ry-land! A-  
Meth-ry-land! to thee I kneel, Ma-ry-land, My Ma-ry-land! For

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**STATE SONG.** The Maryland State song, "Maryland, My Maryland," was written by James Ryder Randall, a Marylander living in the Confederacy during the Civil War. The air is not original. Its words reflect the bitter feeling following the passage of Union troops through Baltimore in 1861 (Chapter 451, Acts of 1939; Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 79).

**STATE FISH.** By Chapter 513, Acts of 1965, the striped bass or rockfish (*Roccus saxatilis*) was designated as the official fish of the State of Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 71A).

