

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 26, 1947.

CHAPTER 54.

(Senate Bill 180)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", said new section to be known as Section 61B, to follow immediately after Section 61A of said Article, and to be under the new sub-title "Maryland State Bird", designating the Baltimore Oriole as the official bird of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland at the present time has no official State Bird; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Oriole is a bird of great beauty, with a sentimental attachment to the history and traditions of Maryland, its name being derived from the fact that its colors, black and orange, were the colors appearing on the coat of arms of Lord Baltimore; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", said new section to be known as Section 61B, to follow immediately after Section 61A of said Article, and to be under the new sub-title "Maryland State Bird", and to read as follows:

61B. The Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) is hereby designated to be the Official Bird of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved February 26, 1947.