

providing that jousting be recognized as the official State sport of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland by legislative act has adopted a State flower, a State tree, a State bird, a State song, and a State flag; and

WHEREAS, Jousting, long recognized as the oldest, most colorful, traditional equestrian sport known to man has thrived in Maryland since the early colonial days; and

WHEREAS, this sport today is looked upon by many as a real Maryland tradition and it has many enthusiastic followers from among residents all over the State of Maryland as well as from residents of neighboring states, many of whom come to Maryland each year to participate in these events; and

WHEREAS, these Jousting Tournaments in Maryland have preserved many of the traditional, ancient customs and dignity so long associated with their medieval counterpart, all of which tends to make these tournaments popular among visitors to Maryland and yet the sport has remained untouched by commercialism; and

WHEREAS, the Official Seal of the State known as The Great Seal of Maryland as described in Article 41, Section 74A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1961 Cumulative Supplement) features on the obverse side a picture of Lord Baltimore adorned in medieval armour, mounted on a charger depicting the ancient sport of jousting, so that it seems only proper and fitting that Maryland should set a precedent by proclaiming jousting as the official sport of this venerable State; now therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 79A be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," sub-title "Governor," sub-heading "Maryland Sport," to follow immediately after Section 79 thereof, and to read as follows:

*Maryland Sport*

*79A. The age old equestrian sport of Jousting is hereby proclaimed to be the official sport of the State of Maryland.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.

Approved April 6, 1962.

CHAPTER 135

(House Bill 97)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 17 (b) of

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.