

Senate Bill No. 264

AN ACT concerning

Memorial Day - Moment of ~~Silence~~ Remembrance Silence

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to each year issue a proclamation encouraging the citizens of Maryland *and certain entities* to observe a moment of ~~silence~~ remembrance silence at a certain time on Memorial Day to *unite in remembrance and* commemorate the acts and efforts of Marylanders who have served and died in the ~~United States~~ Armed Forces.

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 13-404

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Preamble

WHEREAS, Memorial Day has been celebrated in this country since May 1866 as a way of honoring and remembering the sacrifices of those brave soldiers who gave their lives in defense of their country; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was intended as a day of personal remembrance; and

WHEREAS, 62,000 Maryland men and women served their country in World War I, 147,000 Maryland men and women served in World War II, and tens of thousands of additional Marylanders served in the Korean, Vietnam, ~~and~~ Persian Gulf *and other hostile military* conflicts; and

~~WHEREAS, Nationally, 498,332 Americans died in the Civil War, 116,516 Americans died in World War I, 405,309 died in World War II, 54,246 died in Korea, 58,167 died in Vietnam, and 293 died in the Persian Gulf; and~~

WHEREAS, In this hectic modern age, in the midst of our constant rush, we often fail to take the time to remember those who served our country and died while doing so; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

13-404.

EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ISSUE A PROCLAMATION ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE MEDIA, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, AND BUSINESS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO OBSERVE A MOMENT OF ~~SILENCE~~ REMEMBRANCE SILENCE AT ~~2~~ 2 3 P.M. ON