

# HOUSE BILL 484

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By: **Delegates Bhandari, Barve, Chang, W. Fisher, Jackson, Lehman, and P. Young**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Dashain Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim October 5 as Dashain Day.

4 BY renumbering

5 Article – General Provisions

6 Section 7–415 through 7–417, respectively

7 to be Section 7–416 through 7–418, respectively

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

10 BY adding to

11 Article – General Provisions

12 Section 7–415

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 Preamble

16 WHEREAS, Dashain Day is a festival, originating in Nepal, that is celebrated in  
17 parts of South Asia and in South Asian communities around the world, including in  
18 Maryland; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 WHEREAS, The festival is rooted in the central cultural beliefs of unity and diversity  
2 and the belief that the world is one family, embodied by the spiritual Sanskrit phrase,  
3 “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”; and

4 WHEREAS, The festival is celebrated from Ghatasthapana until Kojagrat Purnima,  
5 lasting up to 15 days; and

6 WHEREAS, During the festival, individuals make resolutions to create harmony in  
7 the fight against evil throughout the year; now, therefore,

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
9 That Section(s) 7–415 through 7–417, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–416 through 7–418,  
11 respectively.

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

14 **Article – General Provisions**

15 **7–415.**

16 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 5 AS DASHAIN DAY,**  
17 **A FESTIVAL ORIGINATING IN NEPAL THAT CELEBRATES AND SYMBOLIZES VICTORY**  
18 **OF GOOD OVER EVIL.**

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.