

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 99**

**(House Bill 111)**

AN ACT concerning

**Memorial Day - Moment of 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 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  
(1999 Replacement Volume)

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 conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, 498,332 Americans died in the Civil War, 116,516 Americans died in World War I, 405,399 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: