

## CHAPTER 189

(House Bill 80)

AN ACT to add new Section 98A to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 7. Schools," to follow immediately after Section 98 thereof, providing for a daily period of silent meditation for the students of every public elementary and secondary school in the State and relating also to prayers, OR the reading of scripture, ~~and the free exercise of religion in the public schools.~~

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 98A be and it is hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 7. Schools," to follow immediately after Section 98 thereof, and to read as follows:

## 98A.

*Principals and teachers in every public elementary and secondary school in this State shall MAY require all students at these schools to be present and participate in opening exercises on each morning of a school day and to meditate silently for approximately one moment; provided that no student or teacher shall be prohibited from reading the holy scripture, OR praying. or any other expression of the free exercise of his religion.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964.

Approved April 7, 1964.

## CHAPTER 190

(House Bill 154)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 24 of Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Fees of Officers," subtitle "Registers of Wills," and to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 175 of Article 81 of said Code, title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Inheritance Tax," increasing the commissions to the several registers of wills for receiving and paying over any inheritance tax due the State, and correcting errors in said Section 24.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 24 of Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Fees of Officers," subtitle "Registers of Wills," and that Section 175 of Article 81 of said Code, title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Inheritance Tax," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: