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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – K9 Veterans Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as K9
4 Veterans Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

5 BY renumbering

6 Article – General Provisions
7 Section 7–402 through 7–413, respectively
8 to be Section 7–403 through 7–414, respectively
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article – General Provisions
13 Section 7–402
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 Preamble

17 WHEREAS, K9 dogs are loyal, loving, and devoted, and have been placed in harm’s
18 way, making the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives for their human partners;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Thousands of dogs have served with honor, dignity, and valor through
21 the history of our country’s birth and growth and have been employed by the United States
22 military from World War I to present conflicts; and

23 WHEREAS, The official K9 Corps was created on March 13, 1942; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies have established K9
2 Corps units where dogs are trained for specialized activities such as bomb detection, drug
3 interdiction, search and rescue, border patrol, customs, and secret service; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognition of K9 Corps dogs is appropriate to honor their service to
5 protect our communities, State, and country; now, therefore,

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
7 That Section(s) 7-402 through 7-413, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the
8 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-403 through 7-414,
9 respectively.

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

12 **Article – General Provisions**

13 **7-402.**

14 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM MARCH 13 AS K9 VETERANS**
15 **DAY.**

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2016.