

SENATE BILL 651

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Glassman, Jennings, Peters, and Robey**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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 7–412, respectively

8 to be Section 7–403 through 7–413, respectively

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
11 2014)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – General Provisions

14 Section 7–402

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 270) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
17 2014)

18 Preamble

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7-402 through 7-412, respectively, of Article – General
10 Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-403
11 through 7-413, respectively.

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

14 **Article – General Provisions**

15 **7-402.**

16 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM MARCH 13 AS K9**
17 **VETERANS DAY.**

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2014.