

A008-0102

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Maryland State Holidays**

30 FOR the purposes of recognizing additional special historical days that deserve to be recognized
40 and celebrated as state holidays.

50 BY adding to
60 Article – Rules of Interpretation
70 Section 27
80 Annotated Code of Maryland
90 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

100 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, that
110 the laws of Maryland read as follows:

120 **Article – Rules of Interpretation**

130 §27

140 (a) In this Code and any rule, regulation, or directive adopted under it, “legal holiday”
150 means:

- 160 (1) January 1, for the New Year’s Day;
- 170 (2) January 15, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s birthday, unless the United States
180 Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case, the
190 day designated by the United States Congress;
- 200 (3) February 12, for Lincoln’s birthday;
- 210 (4) The third Monday in February, for Washington’s birthday;
- 220 (5) FEBRUARY 29, FOR LEAP DAY
- 230 ~~(5)~~(6) March 25, for Maryland Day;
- 240 ~~(6)~~(7) Good Friday;
- 250 ~~(7)~~(8) May 30, for Memorial Day, unless the United States Congress
260 designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case, the day
270 designated by the United States Congress;
- 280 ~~(8)~~(9) July 4, for Independence Day;
- 290 ~~(9)~~(10) The first day in September, for Labor Day;
- 300 (11) SEPTEMBER 11, FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
- 310 ~~(10)~~(12) September 12, for Defenders’ Day;
- 320 (13) OCTOBER 9, FOR CAL RIPKEN DAY;
- 330 ~~(11)~~(14) October 12, for Columbus Day, unless the United States Congress

340 designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case, the day
350 designated by the United States Congress;
360 ~~(12)~~(15) November 11, for Veterans' Day;

370 ~~(13)~~(16) The fourth Thursday in November, for Thanksgiving Day;

380 ~~(14)~~(17) December 25, for Christmas Day;

390 ~~(15)~~(18) Each statewide general election day in this State; and

400 ~~(16)~~(19) Each other day that the President of the United States or the Governor designates
410 for general cessation of business.

420 (b) Except otherwise expressly provided in this Code, a legal holiday shall be observed on:

430 (1) The date specified in subsection (a) of this section for the legal holiday; and

440 (2) If that date falls on a Sunday, on the next Monday after that date.

450 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act shall take effect
460 January 1, 2002.

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