SENATE BILL 35

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ENROLLED BILL

— Education, Energy, and the Environment/Government, Labor, and Elections —

Introduced by **Senator Jackson**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____M.

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President.

CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

~~**State Designations – State Natural Science Sciences Museum – The Natural History Society of Maryland**~~

State Designations and Commemorative Days – State Shark, State Natural Sciences Museum, and Purple Lights Night

FOR the purpose of *designating the megalodon as the State shark;* designating ~~the~~ The Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural ~~science~~ sciences museum; *requiring the Governor to annually proclaim a certain day as Purple Lights Night;* and generally relating to ~~a State natural science sciences museum~~ *State designations and commemorative days*.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions

Section ~~7–325 and~~ *7–310, 7–325,* 7–326*, and 7–417 through 7–421*

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.

to be Section ~~7–326.1 and~~ *7–311, 7–326.1,* 7–325*, and 7–418 through 7–422*, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section *7–310,* 7–326*, and 7–417*
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) ~~7–325 and 7–326~~ *7–310, 7–325, 7–326, and 7–417 through 7–421* of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) ~~7–326.1 and 7–325~~ *7–311, 7–326.1, 7–325, and 7–418 through 7–422*, respectively.

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

Article – General Provisions

7–310.

THE MEGALODON (OTODUS MEGALODON) IS THE STATE SHARK.

7–326.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND IS THE STATE NATURAL ~~SCIENCE~~ SCIENCES MUSEUM.

7–417.

THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM OCTOBER 1 AS PURPLE LIGHTS NIGHT TO HONOR THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE WHO ARE VICTIMS OR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE STATE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.