

## **CHAPTER 165**

**(House Bill 315)**

AN ACT concerning

### **State Designations – Smith Island Cake – State Dessert**

FOR the purpose of designating Smith Island cake as the State dessert.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 13–320

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

#### **Preamble**

WHEREAS, Smith Island, the State’s only inhabited offshore island in the Chesapeake Bay, is home to residents whose primary livelihood comes from the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Smith Island has its own traditional cuisine, which includes its most famous dish – Smith Island cake; and

WHEREAS, Smith Island cake features eight to ten thin layers of cake separated by rich frosting, and is most commonly served as a yellow cake with chocolate icing, but also is made in other flavors like coconut, fig, and strawberry; and

WHEREAS, Smith Island cake has been served for generations at holidays, special events, and church dinners; and

WHEREAS, Smith Island cake is a unique State tradition; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – State Government**

**13–320.**

#### **SMITH ISLAND CAKE IS THE STATE DESSERT.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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MARTIN O'MALLEY, Governor

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.**