

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.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.