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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1516 (Delegate Busch, *et al.*)  
Health and Government Operations

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State Government - Commemorative Days - Annapolis Charter Day

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This bill requires the Governor to proclaim November 22 as Annapolis Charter Day.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Commemorating Annapolis Charter Day would not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on Annapolis small businesses on and around November 22 each year.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Four official commemorative days and two months are recognized in State law as shown in **Exhibit 1**. The Governor also must issue a proclamation each year encouraging citizens and other individuals to observe a moment of silence at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to unite in remembrance and commemorate the heroic acts and efforts of Marylanders who have served and died in the U.S. armed forces.

**Background:** On November 22, 1708, the residents of Annapolis received a Royal Charter from Queen Anne of Great Britain that granted them powers of self-government. On December 17, 1708, the General Assembly confirmed and codified Annapolis' chartered powers of self-government, making Annapolis the first incorporated

municipality in Maryland. The three-hundredth anniversary of the granting of the city's original charter is 2008.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Official Commemorative Days and Months in Maryland**

Asian Lunar New Year Day <sup>1</sup>	January
Black History Month	February
Women's History Month	March
John Hanson's Birthday <sup>2</sup>	April 13
Law Day	May 1
Poetry Day	October 15

<sup>1</sup>Day designated as new year on the Asian lunar calendar.

<sup>2</sup>John Hanson served as the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation from 1781 to 1782.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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