

1 **ENGROSSED**

2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

3 FOR

4 **H. B. 4493**

5 (By Delegates Ashley, Anderson, Iaquina, White,  
6 Azinger, Armstead, Paxton, Boggs and Pasdon)

7 (Originating in the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and  
8 Homeland Security)

9 [February 15, 2012]

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11 A Bill to amend and reenact §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia,  
12 1931, as amended, relating to establishing special memorial  
13 observances for military veterans; observing the week in which  
14 December 7 falls as a special memorial week to be known as  
15 Pearl Harbor and Military Appreciation Week; directing the  
16 State Department of Education to implement a program involving  
17 students which recognizes the contributions made by West  
18 Virginians in the United States military; declaring March 30  
19 as a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran  
20 Recognition Day; declaring August 7 as a special memorial day  
21 to be known as Purple Heart Recognition Day; and declaring  
22 July 27 as a special memorial day to be known as Korean War  
23 Veteran Recognition Day.

24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1           That §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
2 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

3   **ARTICLE 2.   LEGAL HOLIDAYS; SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS; CONSTRUCTION OF**  
4                           **STATUTES; DEFINITIONS.**

5   **§2-2-1a.   Special memorial days.**

6           (a) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week  
7 beginning with the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a special memorial  
8 week to be known as Native American Indian Heritage Week.

9           (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is  
10 designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal holiday  
11 in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall annually  
12 issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic organizations,  
13 government departments and citizens to undertake activities on the  
14 designated day and surrounding days to pay tribute to the  
15 accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the civil and  
16 political rights of all Americans, including securing equal voting  
17 rights for women.

18           (c) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare December 7 as  
19 a special memorial day, to be known as Pearl Harbor Day, honoring  
20 all West Virginians who fought in World War II and shall encourage  
21 all municipalities in the state to do the same.

22           (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare March 30 as  
23 a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition  
24 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States

1 Armed Forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning  
2 February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975, and shall encourage all  
3 counties and municipalities in the state to do the same.

4 (e) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August 7 as  
5 a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart Recognition  
6 Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while serving in the United  
7 States Armed Forces, have been wounded or killed in action and  
8 shall encourage all municipalities and counties in the state to do  
9 the same.

10 (f) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare July 27 as a  
11 special memorial day to be known as Korean War Veteran Recognition  
12 Day honoring all West Virginians who served in the United States  
13 Armed Forces in the Korean War, and shall encourage all counties  
14 and municipalities in the state to do the same.

NOTE: The purpose of the bill is to make March 30 a special memorial day to be known as Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day; to make August 7 a special memorial day to be known as Purple Heart Recognition Day; and declaring July 27 as a special memorial day to be known as Korean War Veteran Recognition Day.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.