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FOR

**H. B. 4127**

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(Originating in the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and  
Homeland Security)  
[February 6, 2012]

A BILL to amend and reenact §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia,  
1931, as amended, relating to declaring August 7 as a special  
memorial day to be known as Purple Heart Recognition Day.

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

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

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

**§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.**

- 1 (a) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the
- 2 week beginning with the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a

3 special memorial week to be known as Native American  
4 Indian Heritage Week.

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

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

20 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August  
21 7 as a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart

22 Recognition Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while  
23 serving in the United States Armed Forces, have been  
24 wounded or killed in action and shall encourage all  
25 municipalities and counties in the state to do the same.

NOTE: The purpose of the bill is to make August 7 a special memorial day to be known as Purple Heart Recognition Day.

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