

# HOUSE BILL 532

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Roger Brooke Taney Statue – Removal and Destruction**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Commission on Artistic Property, on or before a certain  
4 date, to remove the Roger Brooke Taney statue from the grounds of the State House  
5 and destroy the statue; and generally relating to the Roger Brooke Taney statue.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – State Government

8 Section 9–1016 and 9–1021(a)(1)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – State Government**

14 9–1016.

15 In this Part II of this subtitle, “Commission” means the Commission on Artistic  
16 Property.

17 9–1021.

18 (a) (1) The Commission is the official custodian of all valuable paintings and  
19 other objects of decorative art owned by or loaned to the State, except those located in a  
20 State room of the Government House. With respect to the objects subject to its official  
21 custody, the Commission shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (i) keep a continuing inventory of the objects; and

2 (ii) be responsible for and supervise the acquisition, custody, display,  
3 location, preservation, proper care, security, and restoration of the objects.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31,  
5 2016, the Commission on Artistic Property shall:

6 (1) remove the Roger Brooke Taney statue from the grounds of the State  
7 House; and

8 (2) destroy the Roger Brooke Taney statue.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2016.