

# HOUSE BILL 987

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By: **Delegate Walker**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of September  
4 to be “Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month”; requiring the proclamation to urge  
5 educational and public health organizations to observe Sickle Cell Anemia  
6 Awareness Month properly; and generally relating to Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness  
7 Month.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – General Provisions

10 Section 7–505 through 7–507, respectively

11 to be Section 7–506 through 7–508, respectively

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY adding to

15 Article – General Provisions

16 Section 7–505

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
20 That Section(s) 7–505 through 7–507, respectively, of Article – General Provisions of the  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7–506 through 7–508,  
22 respectively.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
24 as follows:

25 **Article – General Provisions**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **7-505.**

2 (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF  
3 SEPTEMBER AS SICKLE CELL ANEMIA AWARENESS MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF  
4 THE NEED FOR INCREASED AWARENESS OF SICKLE CELL DISEASE.

5 (B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
6 ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE SICKLE CELL ANEMIA AWARENESS MONTH  
7 PROPERLY WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2022.