

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **H. B. 4127**

4 (By Delegates Smith, Lawrence, Shaver, Crosier, R. Phillips,  
5 Frazier, White, Talbott, Longstreth, Iaquina and Paxton)

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

8 [February 6, 2012]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to declaring August 7 as a special  
12 memorial day to be known as Purple Heart Recognition Day.

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

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

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

18 **§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.**

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

22 (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is  
23 designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal holiday

1 in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall annually  
2 issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic organizations,  
3 government departments and citizens to undertake activities on the  
4 designated day and surrounding days to pay tribute to the  
5 accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the civil and  
6 political rights of all Americans, including securing equal voting  
7 rights for women.

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

12 (d) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare August 7 as  
13 a special memorial day, to be known as Purple Heart Recognition  
14 Day, honoring all West Virginians who, while serving in the United  
15 States Armed Forces, have been wounded or killed in action and  
16 shall encourage all municipalities and counties in the state to do  
17 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.