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CHAPTER 543

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Veterans' Cemetery at Bainbridge**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Veterans' Commission and the Maryland  
4 Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study of the feasibility of  
5 establishing a veterans' cemetery on the grounds of the former Bainbridge Naval  
6 Training Center in Cecil County; providing for the matters to be included in the  
7 study; ~~and~~ requiring that the Commission and the Department report to the  
8 appropriate committees of the General Assembly and the Cecil County  
9 legislative delegation on the results of the study on or before a certain date; and  
10 generally relating to a State veterans' cemetery at Bainbridge.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article - State Government  
13 Section 9-913(a) through (c)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - State Government**

19 9-913.

20 (a) (1) In this section, "State veterans' cemetery" means a cemetery that the  
21 Commission establishes under this section.

1 (2) In this section and in § 9-914 of this subtitle, "veteran" means an  
2 individual who:

3 (i) served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States;  
4 or

5 (ii) served as a member of the State militia ordered into active  
6 service of the United States by order of the President and was killed in the line of  
7 duty.

8 (b) The Commission may establish 1 or more cemeteries in the State for the  
9 burial of veterans and their immediate families.

10 (c) (1) The Commission may accept land, on behalf of the State or a political  
11 subdivision of the State, or otherwise acquire land for a State veterans' cemetery, if  
12 the Commission has the approval of:

13 (i) the governing body of the county where the State veterans'  
14 cemetery is to be located;

15 (ii) the delegation in the General Assembly for the county where  
16 the State veterans' cemetery is to be located; and

17 (iii) the Board of Public Works.

18 (2) In selecting a location for a proposed State veterans' cemetery, the  
19 Commission shall give priority to land that is near a national memorial battle site.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Veterans'  
21 Commission and the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study  
22 of the feasibility of establishing a veterans' cemetery on the grounds of the former  
23 Bainbridge Naval Training Center in Cecil County. On or before November 30, 2001,  
24 the Commission and the Department shall report the results of the study, subject to §  
25 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the appropriate committees of the General  
26 Assembly and the members of the Cecil County legislative delegation. The study shall  
27 include:

28 (1) The projected cost of the State acquiring land located on the former  
29 Bainbridge Naval Training Center from the ~~town of Port Deposit~~ Bainbridge  
30 Development Corporation and the availability of State and private moneys or public  
31 indebtedness to pay those costs;

32 (2) The likelihood of approval of ~~an~~:

33 (i) A transfer of the land for a veterans' cemetery at Bainbridge by  
34 the Bainbridge Development Corporation; and

35 (ii) An acquisition of the land for a veterans' cemetery at  
36 Bainbridge by the Cecil County Commissioners, the county legislative delegation, and  
37 the Board of Public Works;

1           (3)       The availability of federal funds to pay for developing the buildings  
2 and facilities for a veterans' cemetery at Bainbridge and the level of State match  
3 required for federal funds;

4           (4)       The projected costs of maintaining a veterans' cemetery at  
5 Bainbridge and the availability of State or private moneys to pay those costs;

6           (5)       ~~The level of community support for establishing a veterans' cemetery~~  
7 at Bainbridge impact of the acquisition of the land on the proposed future mixed use  
8 development of the former Bainbridge Naval Training Center; and

9           (6)       The projected levels of use of any veterans' cemetery built at  
10 Bainbridge.

11       SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2001.