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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning				
2 3	Higher Education – Exemption From Nonresident Tuition – Veterans and Dependents				
4	FOR the purpose of exempting certain spouses and dependents of certain veterans of the				
5	United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at certain public				
6	institutions of higher education in the State; altering certain eligibility requirements				
7 8	for certain veterans to qualify for nonresident tuition at certain public institutions of higher education; and generally relating to tuition charges for veterans of the				
9	United States armed forces and their dependents.				
10	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,				
11	$\operatorname{Article}-\operatorname{Education}$				
12	Section 15–106.4				
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14	(2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)				
15	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,				
16	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:				
17	Article - Education				
18	15–106.4.				
19	(a) This section applies to the following individuals:				
20	(1) An active duty member of the United States armed forces;				
21	(2) A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES;				



$\frac{1}{2}$	States arme	[(2)] ed force		The spouse of an active duty member OR VETERAN of the United
3 4	United State	[(3)] es arm	` '	A financially dependent child of an active duty member of the es;
5 6	OR	(5)	АСН	ILD OF A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES;
7		[(4)	An ho	onorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces; or
8 9	the Public S	(5)] (6	•	A member of the National Guard as defined in § 13–405(a)(3) of
10 11 12 13	,	(a) of tompt from	his sec	nding any other provision of this article, an individual described in tion who attends a public institution of higher education in the ing nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education
14		(1)	The a	ctive duty member referred to in subsection (a) of this section:
15			(i)	Is stationed in this State;
16			(ii)	Resides in this State; or
17			(iii)	Is domiciled in this State;
18 19	individual:	(2)	The [honorably] discharged veteran presents documentation that the
20 21	States arme	d force	(i) es; [and	Was [honorably] discharged OR RELEASED from the United
22			(ii)	1. Resides in this State; or
23				2. Is domiciled in this State; [or] AND
24 25 26 27	YEARS BEF	ORE A	DAYS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH 38 U.S.C. § 3311(C) AFTER A PERIOD OF AGGREGATE SERVICE THAT OCCURRED NO MORE THAN 3 IVIDUAL COVERED BY THIS SECTION ENROLLS IN A PUBLIC OR EDUCATION IN THE STATE;
28 29 30			ARMI	INDIVIDUAL IS THE SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A VETERAN OF THE ED FORCES WHO IS ENTITLED TO ASSISTANCE UNDER 38 \$ 3319; OR

1	[(3)] (4)	The National Guard member described in subsection [((a)(5)
2	(A)(6) of this section	is a member of the Maryland National Guard and join	ed or
3	subsequently serves in	the Maryland National Guard to:	

- (i) Provide a Critical Military Occupational Skill; or
- 5 (ii) Be a member of the Air Force Critical Specialty Code as 6 determined by the National Guard.

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- 7 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a spouse or financially 8 dependent child of an active duty member who enrolls as an entering student in a public 9 institution of higher education and is exempt from paying nonresident tuition under subsection (b) of this section shall continue to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition if:
- 12 (1) The active duty member no longer meets the requirements of subsection 13 (b)(1) of this section; and
- 14 (2) The spouse or financially dependent child remains continuously 15 enrolled at the public institution of higher education.
- 16 (d) The Commission shall adopt regulations in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 17 1 of the State Government Article to implement the provisions of this section.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015.