

# HOUSE BILL 12

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By: **Delegate Wivell**

Requested: October 28, 2015

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Impersonating a Member of the Military – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly misrepresenting the person as a  
4 certain member of the military or falsely holding the person out to be a recipient of  
5 a certain military award, in order to obtain a tangible benefit; establishing a certain  
6 penalty; and generally relating to impersonating a member of the military.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Criminal Law

9 Section 8–906

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 **8–906.**

16 **(A) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY AND WITH THE INTENT TO OBTAIN A**  
17 **TANGIBLE BENEFIT FALSELY CLAIM THAT THE PERSON:**

18 **(1) IS A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED**  
19 **FORCES; OR**

20 **(2) HAS RECEIVED AN AWARD AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS OR UNDER**  
21 **FEDERAL LAW FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1                   **(I) A CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR;**  
2                   **(II) A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS;**  
3                   **(III) A NAVY CROSS;**  
4                   **(IV) AN AIR FORCE CROSS;**  
5                   **(V) A SILVER STAR;**  
6                   **(VI) A BRONZE STAR;**  
7                   **(VII) A PURPLE HEART;**  
8                   **(VIII) A COMBAT INFANTRYMAN’S BADGE;**  
9                   **(IX) A COMBAT ACTION BADGE;**  
10                  **(X) A COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE;**  
11                  **(XI) A COMBAT ACTION RIBBON;**  
12                  **(XII) A COMBAT ACTION MEDAL; OR**  
13                  **(XIII) A SPECIAL OPERATION IDENTIFIER, SPECIAL**  
14 **QUALIFICATION, OR SKILL IDENTIFIER.**

15           **(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR**  
16 **AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 9 MONTHS OR**  
17 **A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.**

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2016.