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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	State Government - Maryland Veterans Commission - Membership
3 4	FOR the purpose of adding a member to the Maryland Veterans Commission; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission.
5 6 7 8 9	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – State Government Section 9–915 Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
10 11 12 13	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Government Section 9–917 Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
15 16	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
17	Article - State Government
8	9–915.
19 20	In this Part II of this subtitle, "Commission" means the Maryland Veterans Commission.
21	9–917.

The Commission consists of the following members appointed by the

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(a)

Governor.

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1	(2)	Of the members:			
2 3	the State;	(i)	1 sha	ll be appointed from each of the 8 congressional districts in	
4		(ii)	1 sha	ll be a veteran appointed from the State at large;	
5		(iii)	1 sha	ll be a woman veteran appointed from the State at large;	
6		(iv)	1 sha	ll be a representative of a retired enlisted organization;	
7 8	in § 1–202(a–1) of	(v) the Pu		ll be a veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflict, as defined afety Article;	
9 10	Governor by each	(vi) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the of the following organizations:			
11			1.	the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.;	
12			2.	the American Legion;	
13			3.	the Amvets;	
14			4.	the Catholic War Veterans;	
15			5.	the Disabled American Veterans;	
16			6.	the Fleet Reserve Association;	
17			7.	the Jewish War Veterans;	
18			8.	the Marine Corps League;	
19			9.	the Maryland Military Officers Association of America;	
20			10.	the Military Order of the Purple Heart;	
21			11.	the Polish Legion of American Veterans;	
22			12.	the Veterans of Foreign Wars;	
23			13.	the Vietnam Veterans of America;	
24			14.	the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.;	
25			15.	the National Association for Black Veterans; and	

$\frac{1}{2}$	16. the Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America; [and]						
3 4	(vii) 1 shall be an honorary nonvoting member appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the Governor by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association; AND						
5 6	(VIII) 1 SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS.						
7	(b) Each member must be a resident of the State and a veteran.						
8	(c) (1) The term of an appointed member is 5 years.						
9 10	(2) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1984.						
11 12	(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.						
13 14	(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.						
15 16	(5) When an organization is no longer a part of the Commission, the appointment shall terminate at the end of the current member's term.						
17 18	(d) A new organization may not be eligible for representation on the Commission, by appointment of the Governor, unless it is congressionally chartered.						
19	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect						

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October 1, 2016.