

HOUSE BILL 1214

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Trauma–Affected Veterans Training Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of State
4 Police, and the State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board jointly and in
5 consultation with veterans to establish a Trauma–Affected Veterans Training
6 Program to provide training to emergency responders and law enforcement officers
7 regarding the effects of certain injuries, techniques that can be used when
8 interacting with certain veterans, and any other relevant issues relating to certain
9 veterans; prohibiting training provided under the Program from being conducted
10 through an online course; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a
11 Trauma–Affected Veterans Training Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Public Safety

14 Section 1–601 and 1–602 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Trauma–Affected
15 Veterans Training Program”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Public Safety**

21 **SUBTITLE 6. TRAUMA–AFFECTED VETERANS TRAINING PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **1-601.**

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) "EMERGENCY RESPONDER" INCLUDES:

5 (1) A FIREFIGHTER;

6 (2) AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN §
7 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND

8 (3) A RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER.

9 (C) "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-101
10 OF THIS ARTICLE.

11 (D) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE TRAUMA-AFFECTED VETERANS TRAINING
12 PROGRAM.

13 (E) "STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE
14 STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER §
15 13-2102 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

16 **1-602.**

17 (A) IN CONSULTATION WITH VETERANS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
18 AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, AND THE STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN
19 INJURY ADVISORY BOARD JOINTLY SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A
20 TRAUMA-AFFECTED VETERANS TRAINING PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO
21 EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REGARDING:

22 (1) THE EFFECTS OF ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURIES AND TRAUMATIC
23 BRAIN INJURIES;

24 (2) TECHNIQUES THAT CAN BE USED WHEN INTERACTING WITH
25 VETERANS WHO HAVE AN ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY OR A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY;
26 AND

27 (3) ANY OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES RELATING TO VETERANS WITH
28 COMBAT-RELATED TRAUMA, POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS, AND POST-TRAUMATIC
29 STRESS DISORDER.

1 **(B) TRAINING PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT BE CONDUCTED**
2 **THROUGH AN ONLINE COURSE.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2018.