

## Chapter 23

**(House Bill 12)**

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Veterans Affairs – Homes for Veterans – Veterans of Uniformed Service**

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility for a certain veteran to reside at a home for veterans that is supervised by the Department of Veterans Affairs to include a certain veteran of active service with a uniformed service of the United States; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to homes for veterans that are supervised by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–901 and 9–911  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–909  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

**Article – State Government**

9–901.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Department” means the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (c) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in [ §§ 9–906 and 9–907 of ] this subtitle, “veteran” means an individual who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

9–909.

“Home” means the home or homes for veterans that the Department supervises.

9–911.

(a) In accordance with the regulations of the Department and applicable law, the home shall be open:

(1) to a veteran who:

(i) has an honorable discharge from [the armed forces] **ACTIVE SERVICE WITH A UNIFORMED SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE:**

~~1. ARMY;~~

~~2. MARINE CORPS;~~

~~3. NAVY;~~

~~4. AIR FORCE;~~

~~5. COAST GUARD;~~

~~6. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED CORPS;~~

~~AND~~

~~7. NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS; and~~

(ii) is a resident of the State as defined in regulations adopted by the Secretary; or

(2) to a spouse of an eligible veteran.

(b) (1) The Department may charge an individual a reasonable fee for residence in the home.

(2) The Department shall set the fee in accordance with the ability of an individual to pay. However, the fee may not exceed the cost of maintaining the resident in the home and shall allow the resident enough money for necessary and incidental expenses.

(c) A resident may be discharged in accordance with the regulations of the Department and applicable law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**