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Senate Bill 365

(Senator Simonaire)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

State Government – Maryland Veterans Commission – Membership

This bill expands the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission by adding a representative of the Reserve Organization of America (ROA) as a voting member.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Altering the composition of the commission does not materially affect government finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Maryland Veterans Commission advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of all matters pertaining to veterans issues. The commission consists of 28 voting members and one honorary nonvoting member, all appointed by the Governor. Sixteen members are appointed from lists submitted by various veterans' organizations, one member is appointed from each of the State's eight Congressional districts, one is a veteran appointed from the State at large, one is a woman veteran appointed from the State at large, one is a representative of a retired enlisted organization, and one is a veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflict. The honorary nonvoting member is from the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Each commission member must be a resident of the State and a veteran. A new organization may not be eligible for representation on the commission unless it is congressionally chartered.

Additional Comments: ROA is a congressionally chartered nonprofit membership association dedicated to providing a voice for Reserve Component Service Members of all the uniformed services.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: HB 237 (Delegate Palakovich Carr) - Health and Government Operations.

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