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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global War on Terror**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global  
4 War on Terror to study establishing a memorial dedicated to Marylanders who have  
5 fought in the Global War on Terror and their families; and generally relating to the  
6 Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global War on Terror.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
8 That:

9 (a) There is a Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global War on Terror.

10 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

11 (1) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;

12 (2) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

13 (3) two representatives of the Maryland Veterans Commission, designated  
14 by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

15 (4) four representatives of veteran services organizations, designated by  
16 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

17 (5) one representative of the Maryland National Guard, designated by the  
18 Adjutant General of Maryland.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The members of the Commission shall elect a chair from among the  
2 Commission's members.

3 (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide staff for the Commission.

4 (e) A member of the Commission:

5 (1) may not receive compensation; but

6 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
7 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

8 (f) The Commission shall provide recommendations for the funding, design,  
9 construction, and placement of an appropriate memorial dedicated to Marylanders who  
10 fought in the Global War on Terror and their families.

11 (g) On or before 7 months after the effective date of this Act, the Commission shall  
12 submit a preliminary report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in  
13 accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

14 (h) On or before 1 year and 3 months after the effective date of this Act, the  
15 Commission shall submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the  
16 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General  
17 Assembly.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on  
19 the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 2 of Chapter 423 of the  
20 Acts of the General Assembly of 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and,  
21 with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no  
22 further force and effect.