Chapter 19

(House Bill 181)

AN ACT concerning

Military Department – Chief of Staff and Aides – Appointment Authority

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Adjutant General instead of the Governor to appoint certain staff in the Military Department; establishing that certain staff in the Military Department serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General instead of the Governor; and generally relating to the appointment of staff of the Military Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Safety Section 13–306 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

13 - 306.

(a) Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted individuals who are full-time employees of the Department are in State active duty status.

(b) (1) The [Governor] **ADJUTANT GENERAL** may appoint a chief of staff and aides.

(2) The chief of staff and aides serve at the pleasure of the [Governor] ADJUTANT GENERAL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2025.