

Chapter 248

(Senate Bill 67)

AN ACT concerning

**Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits**

FOR the purpose of authorizing health occupations boards to establish a certain process to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, ~~or~~ registration ~~and assist in determining eligibility for State and federal veterans benefits, or public profile~~; and generally relating to veterans and health occupations boards.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations  
Section 1–707  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 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 – Health Occupations**

**1–707.**

(A) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO INCLUDE A NOTATION INDICATING VETERAN STATUS ON A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, ~~OR REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE AND TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.~~

(B) IF A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD ESTABLISHES THE PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, ~~OR REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE~~ SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO:

(1) PRESENT A CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN STATUS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9–905 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, A DD FORM 214, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD CERTIFYING VETERAN STATUS; AND

(2) INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT CONSENTS TO:

(I) HAVING A NOTATION ON THE APPLICANT'S LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, ~~OR~~ REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN; AND

(II) BEING CONTACTED BY APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS.

(C) IF AN APPLICANT PRESENTS THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND CONSENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL:

(1) INCLUDE ON THE APPLICANT'S LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, ~~OR~~ REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE A NOTATION INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN; AND

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 4-304 THROUGH 4-325 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON REQUEST FROM AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY, ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT ~~RELEVANT TO DETERMINING THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS.~~

(D) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.