



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Chair Ben Barnes
Appropriations Committee
FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership
DATE: January 26th, 2024

RE: HB140- State Personnel - Spouses of Active Duty Service Members - Hiring Preferences

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB140- State Personnel - Spouses of Active Duty Service Members - Hiring Preferences**

This bill requires all appointing authorities in the State Personnel Management System (SPMS) to apply a credit of 10 points on a selection test for an applicant who is the spouse of an active-duty service member of any branch of the uniformed services who is relocating to the State on military orders. For hiring preferences on selection tests, the bill also expands the definition of an eligible veteran to mean a veteran of any branch of the uniformed services, as opposed to a veteran of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. In both cases, "uniformed services" is defined by reference to another section of State law, which in turn references the federal law definition.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economics, training, and health. And to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of the veterans in the State.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Review Board offers and **recommends support and a favorable report of HB140.**

Thank you,

Mike Rogers

Delegate Mike Rogers
HouseChair, Veterans Caucus

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