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SB 194 – Space Force Revisions

I am Senator Bryan Simonaire presenting SB 194.

At the end of 2019, Space Force was created as part of the Armed Forces, and in the subsequent years, members of the General Assembly have updated our laws accordingly when referencing our ‘*Armed Forces*’ through various bills.

However, there are more changes needed to include Space Force properly, and this bill addresses those remaining issues.

This consensus legislation does two main things:

- 1) Updates the Maryland term “*Active service of the military, naval, or air service*” that is used many places in Maryland laws to match the Federal US Code terms used in 38 USC 101 by adding ‘*Space service*’ to the Maryland term, and
- 2) Centralizes the new term “*Active service of the military, naval, air or space service*” in State Govt 9-901, removes all local terms and replaces them with a reference to the term in State Govt Article as we did throughout our laws last year in the *Maryland Military Modernization Act*.

That is the bill in a nutshell. It simply lines up Maryland terms with the revised Federal terms which now include *Space Force*.

For all these reasons, I ask for your favorable consideration.