

# SENATE BILL 448

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by ~~Senator Muse~~ Senators Muse, Augustine, Brooks, Carozza, Feldman, Gallion, Hester, Kagan, Lewis Young, M. Washington, and Ready

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Commission to Study on~~ Commission to Study African American Civil War  
3 Soldiers in Maryland

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Commission to Study African American Civil War~~  
5 ~~Soldiers in Maryland to study requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, in~~  
6 ~~coordination with certain entities, to conduct a study on~~ establishing the Commission  
7 to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland to study the history of  
8 the African American soldiers who fought for the Union Army and make certain  
9 recommendations regarding ~~a memorial one or more memorials~~ a memorial  
10 dedicated to African American Civil War soldiers; and generally relating to ~~the~~  
11 ~~Commission to Study a study on~~ the Commission to Study African American Civil  
12 War Soldiers in Maryland.

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That:

~~(a) There is a Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland.~~

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

~~(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;~~

~~(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and~~

~~(3) the following members, appointed by the Governor:~~

~~(i) one representative from the State Archives;~~

~~(ii) one representative from the Department of Planning;~~

~~(iii) one representative from the Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments;~~

~~(iv) one representative from the Commission on African American History and Culture;~~

~~(v) one representative from Preservation Maryland, Inc.; and~~

~~(vi) one representative from the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Inc.~~

~~(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.~~

~~(d) The State Archives shall provide staff for the Commission.~~

~~(e) A member of the Commission:~~

~~(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but~~

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

~~(f) The Commission The Department of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the State Archives, the Department of Planning, the Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments, the Commission on African American History and Culture, Preservation Maryland, Inc., and the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Inc., shall:~~

1           (a)    There is a Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in  
2 Maryland.

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

4                   (1)    one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the  
5 Senate;

6                   (2)    one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the  
7 House; and

8                   (3)    the following members, appointed by the Governor:

9                           (i)    one representative from the State Archives;

10                           (ii)   one representative from the Department of Planning;

11                           (iii)   one representative from the Governor's Commission on Maryland  
12 Military Monuments;

13                           (iv)   one representative from the Commission on African American  
14 History and Culture;

15                           (v)    one representative from Preservation Maryland, Inc.; and

16                           (vi)   one representative from the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area,  
17 Inc.

18           (c)    The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.

19           (d)    The State Archives shall provide staff for the Commission.

20           (e)    A member of the Commission:

21                           (1)    may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

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

24           (f)    The Commission shall:

25                           (1)    study the history of African American Civil War soldiers who fought for  
26 the Union Army in Maryland, including muster rolls, locations of service, and all  
27 distinguished honors and recognitions awarded; and

1 (2) make findings and recommendations regarding the funding, design,  
2 construction, and location of ~~an one or more~~ *an* appropriate ~~memorial~~ ~~memorials~~ *memorial*  
3 dedicated to the African American Civil War soldiers in Maryland.

4 ~~(g) (b) (g)~~ On or before December 1, 2024, the ~~Commission~~ ~~Department of~~  
5 ~~Veterans Affairs~~ *Commission* shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
6 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General  
7 Assembly.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this  
10 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no  
11 further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.