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By: **The Speaker (Administration) and Delegates Conroy, Owings, Mitchell, Linton, Pitkin, Rosenberg, and ~~McKee~~ McKee, Wood, McIntosh, Benson, Dypski, Parrott, Malone, Glassman, DeCarlo, Bronrott, Snodgrass, Clagett, Shank, Mandel, Dobson, Paige, Sophocleus, Riley, Bobo, Brinkley, and Swain**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Veterans Affairs**

3 FOR the purpose of creating the Department of Veterans Affairs as a principal  
4 department of State government; providing for the appointment qualifications,  
5 powers, duties and salary of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; organizing the  
6 Maryland Veterans Commission, Maryland Veterans' Home Commission, and  
7 War Memorial Commission under the Department; providing for the staffing,  
8 administration, and duties of the Maryland Veterans Commission; altering the  
9 membership of the Commission; authorizing the Maryland Veterans  
10 Commission to delegate certain powers and duties under certain circumstances;  
11 repealing certain requirements of the Maryland Veterans Commission; revising  
12 certain definitions; correcting certain terms; repealing certain obsolete  
13 provisions; defining certain terms; specifying that the publisher of the  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of  
15 Legislative Services, shall correct agency names and titles in the Code to  
16 conform to the changes made by this Act; and generally relating to the  
17 Department of Veterans Affairs.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article - State Government  
20 Section 8-201; 9-801 through 9-807, inclusive, to be under the new part "Part  
21 IV. War Memorial Commission"; 9-901 to be under the amended subtitle  
22 "Subtitle 9. Department of Veterans Affairs" and the amended part "Part I.  
23 Established"; 9-904, 9-905, 9-907, 9-909 through ~~9-915, inclusive, 9-920,~~

1 9-913, inclusive, 9-915, 9-920, 9-925, and 9-926  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

4 BY adding to  
5 Article - State Government  
6 Section 9-902  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

9 BY repealing  
10 Article - State Government  
11 Section 9-906; and the subtitle designation "Subtitle 8. War Memorial  
12 Commission" in Title 9  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article - State Government  
17 Section 9-908, 9-914, 9-917, 9-918, 9-919, 9-921 through 9-924, inclusive, and  
18 9-927 through 9-930, inclusive  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - State Government**

24 8-201.

25 (a) The Executive Branch of the State government shall have not more than  
26 21 principal departments, each of which shall embrace a broad, functional area of that  
27 Branch.

28 (b) The principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State  
29 government are:

- 30 (1) Aging;
- 31 (2) Agriculture;
- 32 (3) Budget and Management;
- 33 (4) Business and Economic Development;
- 34 (5) the Environment;

- 1 (6) General Services;
- 2 (7) Health and Mental Hygiene;
- 3 (8) Housing and Community Development;
- 4 (9) Human Resources;
- 5 (10) Juvenile Justice;
- 6 (11) Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- 7 (12) Natural Resources;
- 8 (13) Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- 9 (14) State Police; [and]
- 10 (15) Transportation; AND
- 11 (16) VETERANS AFFAIRS.

12 Subtitle 9. DEPARTMENT OF Veterans AFFAIRS.

13 Part I. [Definition] ESTABLISHED.

14 9-901.

15 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
16 INDICATED.

17 (B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

18 (C) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

19 (D) Except as otherwise provided in {§§ 9-913 and 9-914} ~~§ 9-913~~ of this  
20 subtitle, [in this subtitle,] "veteran" means an individual who served on active duty  
21 in the armed forces of the United States, OTHER THAN FOR TRAINING, AND WAS  
22 DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.

23 9-902.

24 (A) THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, ESTABLISHED AS A  
25 PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

26 (B) THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS  
27 AFFAIRS WHO SHALL BE:

28 (1) A VETERAN WHO HAS AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE  
29 SERVICE WITH A UNIFORMED SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES; AND



1 (2) Of the ~~25~~ 27 appointed members:

2 (i) 1 shall be appointed from each of the 8 congressional districts in  
3 the State;

4 (ii) 1 shall be appointed from the State at large; ~~and~~

5 (III) 1 SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF A WOMEN VETERANS  
6 ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE; AND

7 ~~(iii)~~ (IV) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted  
8 to the Governor by each of the following organizations:

- 9 1. the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.;
- 10 2. the American Legion;
- 11 3. the Amvets;
- 12 4. the Catholic War Veterans;
- 13 5. the Disabled American Veterans;
- 14 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;
- 15 7. the Jewish War Veterans;
- 16 8. the Marine Corps League;
- 17 9. the Maryland Retired Officers Association;
- 18 10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
- 19 11. the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;
- 20 12. the [Polish-American War Veterans] POLISH LEGION OF  
21 AMERICAN VETERANS;
- 22 13. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- 23 14. the Veterans of World War I;
- 24 15. the Vietnam Veterans of America; ~~and~~
- 25 16. the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.; AND
- 26 17. THE BLACK VETERANS OF ALL WARS, INC.

27 (b) Each member must be a resident of the State and a veteran whose final  
28 separation from active service with a uniformed service of the United States was  
29 under honorable conditions.

1 (c) (1) The term of an appointed member is 7 years.

2 (2) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the  
3 terms provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1984.

4 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
5 appointed and qualifies.

6 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
7 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

8 9-908.

9 From among the members of the Commission, the Governor shall appoint a  
10 chairman.

11 9-909.

12 (a) The Commission shall determine the times and places of its meetings.

13 (b) A member of the Commission:

14 (1) may not receive compensation; but

15 (2) if the Commission approves, is entitled to reimbursement for  
16 expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State  
17 budget.

18 (c) The [Commission may employ a staff] DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE  
19 STAFF SUPPORT TO THE COMMISSION in accordance with the State budget.

20 9-910.

21 (a) The [Commission] SECRETARY, WITH THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL,  
22 shall appoint a Director for the Commission.

23 (b) The Director is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

24 (c) In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Director shall:

25 (1) survey the State to ensure that veterans and their dependents are  
26 not neglected; and

27 (2) perform any other duty that the Commission directs.

28 9-911.

29 (a) The Commission shall have a service center in Baltimore City, which shall  
30 be the principal office of the Commission.

31 (b) (1) The Commission may:

1 (i) have any additional service centers that the Commission  
2 considers necessary or advisable to facilitate and expedite the servicing of claims of  
3 veterans and dependents; and

4 (ii) close any additional service center that the Commission no  
5 longer considers necessary.

6 (2) The Commission shall try to locate each additional service center:

7 (i) centrally in the area to be served so that the greatest number of  
8 veterans:

9 1. have access with the least possible delay, travel, and  
10 inconvenience; and

11 2. receive, as far as possible, personal attention; and

12 (ii) in space that is provided rent-free.

13 (c) The Commission AND THE DEPARTMENT shall coordinate, as much as  
14 possible, with other appropriate units to:

15 (1) avoid an overlap of effort; and

16 (2) provide, if possible, at 1 service center or in 1 general local area,  
17 complete information about the problems that relate to veterans.

18 (d) The Director shall supervise the service centers.

19 9-912.

20 (a) (1) The Commission AND THE DEPARTMENT shall help veterans and  
21 their dependents to receive promptly and regularly all of the benefits to which  
22 veterans or dependents are entitled under federal law.

23 (2) Among other things, the Commission AND THE DEPARTMENT shall  
24 help veterans and their dependents in:

25 (i) preparing, in proper form, claims for benefits;

26 (ii) presenting the claims to the appropriate governmental unit;

27 (iii) trying to prevent and to relieve congestion in the processing of  
28 the claims; and

29 (iv) obtaining and expediting action on the claims.

30 (b) The Director shall keep in contact with the appropriate governmental unit  
31 as to the status of each claim of a veteran or dependent of a veteran.

1 9-913.

2 (a) (1) In this section, "State veterans' cemetery" means a cemetery that the  
3 Commission establishes under this section.

4 (2) In this section and in § 9-914 of this subtitle, "veteran" means an  
5 individual who:

6 (i) served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States;  
7 or

8 (ii) served as a member of the State militia ordered into active  
9 service of the [State] UNITED STATES BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT and was killed  
10 in the line of duty.

11 (b) The Commission may establish 1 or more cemeteries in the State for the  
12 burial of veterans and their immediate families.

13 (c) (1) The Commission may accept land, on behalf of the State or a political  
14 subdivision of the State, or otherwise acquire land for a State veterans' cemetery, if  
15 the Commission has the approval of:

16 (i) the governing body of the county where the State veterans'  
17 cemetery is to be located;

18 (ii) the delegation in the General Assembly for the county where  
19 the State veterans' cemetery is to be located; and

20 (iii) the Board of Public Works.

21 (2) In selecting a location for a proposed State veterans' cemetery, the  
22 Commission shall give priority to land that is near a national memorial battle site.

23 (d) (1) The Commission shall maintain and supervise each State veterans'  
24 cemetery.

25 (2) The Washington Cemetery Board of Trustees shall be under the  
26 supervision of the Commission.

27 (e) (1) Subject to the limitations in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
28 Commission shall provide a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, without charge, to an  
29 applicant who meets the requirements of this section.

30 (2) In the order in which the Commission receives the applications for  
31 plots, the Commission shall allot a plot in the State veterans' cemetery that is closest  
32 to the residence of the veteran and has an available plot.

33 (f) (1) To qualify for a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, the applicant must  
34 be a veteran or a member of the immediate family of a veteran who meets the  
35 requirements of this subsection.



1 (2) The veteran must have an honorable discharge from the armed  
2 forces.

3 (3) The veteran must have been a resident of the State:

4 (i) when the veteran entered the armed forces;

5 (ii) when the veteran died; or

6 (iii) for 20 years, unless, for a reason that the Commission finds  
7 compelling, the Commission waives the time period.

8 (g) To obtain a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, an applicant shall submit to  
9 the Commission an application on the form that the Commission provides.

10 (h) (1) In a plot that is allotted to a veteran, the Commission shall bury:

11 (i) the veteran; and

12 (ii) any member of the immediate family of the veteran if the family  
13 member can be buried in a space above or below the veteran.

14 (2) (i) With each plot, the Commission shall provide 1 grave liner not  
15 to exceed \$100 in cost, subject to an annual increase of not more than 5 percent to  
16 allow for inflation.

17 (ii) For an eligible veteran, the Commission shall pay for the grave  
18 liner.

19 (iii) For an eligible family member, the grave liner shall be paid for  
20 by the family or estate.

21 (i) (1) The Commission shall bury the veteran without charge.

22 (2) For burial of a member of the immediate family, the Commission  
23 may[:

24 (i)] set a fee that does not exceed the cost of burial[; or

25 (ii) accept, from the social security burial allowance, an amount  
26 that does not exceed the cost of the burial].

27 9-914.

28 The Commission shall keep a registry of the graves of veterans who are buried  
29 in the State.

30 9-915.

31 (a) In this section, "veterans' memorials and monuments" means:

1 (1) the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Associated Land as  
2 established pursuant to Joint Resolution No. 22 of 1983; [and]

3 (2) the Maryland Korean War Memorial and Associated Land as  
4 established pursuant to Joint Resolution No. 3 of 1985; AND

5 (3) THE MARYLAND WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL AND ASSOCIATED LAND  
6 AS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 41, § 18-303 OF THE CODE.

7 (b) There is a Veterans' Memorials and Monuments Program administered by  
8 the Maryland Veterans Commission.

9 (c) The purpose of the Program is to provide for the operation, maintenance,  
10 [and] security, AND PRESERVATION of veterans' memorials and monuments.

11 (d) In furtherance of these purposes, the Commission may, as provided for in  
12 the budget:

13 (1) lease land on behalf of the State or a political subdivision of the State;  
14 or

15 (2) acquire land that has been improved by construction of a memorial or  
16 monument.

17 (e) The [Commission] SECRETARY may adopt regulations to carry out the  
18 provisions of this section.

19 (f) (1) The Commission shall, as provided for in the budget, provide for the  
20 management of the veterans' memorials and monuments as provided in this section.

21 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE ANY OF ITS POWERS AND DUTIES  
22 UNDER THIS SECTION TO A SPECIAL COMMISSION OR BOARD CREATED BY THE  
23 COMMISSION AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

24 (g) The Commission may acquire, hold, use, and improve property for the  
25 purposes specified in subsection (c) of this section.

26 (h) Subject to Title 7 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the  
27 Commission may:

28 (1) accept gifts or grants;

29 (2) unless otherwise provided, spend the principal and income of a gift or  
30 grant; and

31 (3) invest all or part of the principal income in general obligations of the  
32 State or any other security.

1 Part III. Maryland Veterans' Home Commission.

2 9-917.

3 In this Part III of this subtitle, "Home" means the home for veterans that the  
4 Maryland Veterans' Home Commission supervises.

5 9-918.

6 (a) The purposes of the Maryland Veterans' Home Commission are to operate  
7 and to manage in the State a home for veterans.

8 (b) The General Assembly declares the purposes of the Maryland Veterans'  
9 Home Commission to be of general benefit to the veterans of the State.

10 9-919.

11 This Part III of this subtitle does not limit any power or activity of:

- 12 (1) a unit of the State government;
- 13 (2) a political subdivision of the State; or
- 14 (3) any person who is interested in veterans in the State.

15 9-920.

16 There is a Maryland Veterans' Home Commission IN THE DEPARTMENT.

17 9-921.

18 (a) The Veterans' Home Commission consists of the following 15 members:

19 (1) 11 individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and  
20 consent of the Senate; and

21 (2) as ex officio members:

22 (i) the Governor;

23 (ii) the President of the Senate;

24 (iii) the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and

25 (iv) the Chairman of the Maryland Veterans Commission.

26 (b) (1) The term of an appointed member is 4 years.

27 (2) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the  
28 terms provided for members of the Veterans' Home Commission on October 1, 1984.

1 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
2 appointed and qualifies.

3 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
4 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

5 (c) As far as is practicable and is consistent with the purposes and goals of the  
6 Veterans' Home Commission, the Governor shall choose appointed members so as to  
7 have a broad distribution from among:

8 (1) veterans and veterans' groups; and

9 (2) the geographical areas of the State.

10 9-922.

11 (a) From among its members, the Veterans' Home Commission shall elect a  
12 chairman, a secretary, and any other officers that the Commission considers  
13 appropriate.

14 (b) The manner of election of officers and their terms of office shall be as the  
15 Veterans' Home Commission determines.

16 9-923.

17 (a) Seven members of the Veterans' Home Commission are a quorum to do  
18 business.

19 (b) (1) The Veterans' Home Commission shall meet:

20 (i) at least twice a year, at the times and places that it determines;  
21 and

22 (ii) at the call of the Chairman, on the Chairman's initiative or on  
23 the request of at least 4 members.

24 (2) Unless all of the members of the Veterans' Home Commission agree  
25 otherwise, the secretary of the Commission shall give each member at least 7 days'  
26 written notice of a meeting.

27 (3) If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the President may  
28 designate a Senator or an employee of the General Assembly to represent the  
29 President at the meeting.

30 (4) If the Speaker is unable to attend a meeting, the Speaker may  
31 designate a Delegate or an employee of the General Assembly to represent the  
32 Speaker at the meeting.

33 (5) If the Governor is unable to attend a meeting, the Governor may  
34 designate another individual to represent the Governor at the meeting.

1 (c) A member of the Veterans' Home Commission:

2 (1) may not receive compensation, but

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

5 9-924.

6 The Attorney General is the legal adviser to the Veterans' Home Commission.

7 9-925.

8 (a) (1) The Veterans' Home Commission shall THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT  
9 submit an annual report:

10 (i) to the Governor; and

11 (ii) subject to § 2-1246 of this article, to the General Assembly.

12 (2) The annual report shall:

13 (i) describe the activities of the Commission; and

14 (ii) include any recommendations for furthering the purposes of the  
15 Commission.

16 (b) As far as practicable, the Veterans' Home Commission shall cooperate with  
17 persons and public agencies to carry out the purposes and goals of the Commission.

18 9-926.

19 (a) The Veterans' Home Commission may WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE  
20 SECRETARY adopt regulations to:

21 (1) govern itself; and

22 (2) carry out the purposes and goals of the Commission.

23 (b) (1) The Veterans' Home Commission may take any necessary and proper  
24 action to carry out a specific power under this Part III of this subtitle.

25 (2) Subject to the legislative purposes of this Part III of this subtitle, the  
26 Veterans' Home Commission may make contracts and other legal agreements.

27 (c) (1) The Veterans' Home Commission may delegate any of its powers to a  
28 committee of 1 or more of its members or to the Commandant of the Home.

29 (2) If the Veterans' Home Commission delegates any power to a  
30 committee of its members, the committee:

1 (i) may not incur any expenses without the consent of the  
2 Commission; and

3 (ii) at each regular meeting of the Commission or more often as it  
4 directs, shall submit to the Commission a report on any action that the committee has  
5 taken since its last report.

6 9-927.

7 (a) The Veterans' Home Commission shall:

8 (1) maintain and supervise generally the Home in accordance with this  
9 Part III of this subtitle; and

10 (2) adopt any regulation that is needed for management of the Home,  
11 including regulations for admission, maintenance, and discharge of its residents.

12 (b) (1) The Veterans' Home Commission may appoint a Commandant for the  
13 Home and employ any other staff that is needed to manage the Home properly.

14 (2) In appointing or employing staff, the Veterans' Home Commission  
15 shall give preference to a veteran who has an honorable discharge from the armed  
16 forces.

17 (3) The Veterans' Home Commission shall set the salary for each official  
18 of the Home in an amount that does not exceed the salary paid by similar institutions  
19 for the service.

20 (4) The Commandant shall:

21 (i) serve at the pleasure of the Veterans' Home Commission; and

22 (ii) perform any duty that the Veterans' Home Commission  
23 requires.

24 (5) If the Veterans' Home Commission delegates to the Commandant  
25 responsibility for employing staff, the Commission shall hold the Commandant  
26 strictly accountable for the actions of each individual whom the Commandant  
27 employs.

28 9-928.

29 (a) In accordance with the regulations of the Veterans' Home Commission and  
30 applicable law, the Home shall be open to a veteran who:

31 (1) has an honorable discharge from the armed forces; and

32 (2) is a resident of the State.

33 (b) (1) The Veterans' Home Commission may charge an individual a  
34 reasonable fee for residence in the Home.

1 (2) The Veterans' Home Commission shall set the fee in accordance with  
2 the ability of an individual to pay. However, the fee may not exceed the cost of  
3 maintaining the resident in the Home and shall allow the resident enough money for  
4 necessary and incidental expenses.

5 (c) A resident may be discharged in accordance with the regulations of the  
6 Veterans' Home Commission and applicable law.

7 9-929.

8 (a) To carry out the purposes and goals of the Veterans' Home Commission, the  
9 Commission may acquire, hold, use, improve, and convey property.

10 (b) In addition to any other power under this section, to carry out the purposes  
11 or goals of the Veterans' Home Commission, the Commission:

12 (1) may accept a gift or grant; and

13 (2) unless the terms of a gift or grant require otherwise, on an  
14 affirmative vote of at least 7 members of the Commission, may:

15 (i) spend the principal and income of the gift or grant; or

16 (ii) invest all or part of the principal and income in:

17 1. general obligations of the State; or

18 2. any other security.

19 (c) (1) In addition to any other power under this section, the Veterans' Home  
20 Commission may lease any part of its property for use as a concession or other  
21 commercial purpose that is consistent with the purposes of the Commission. However,  
22 the Commission may not lease its property merely for investment purposes.

23 (2) Notwithstanding any other law, unless the lease expressly provides  
24 for redemption by the tenant, the lease is not subject to redemption.

25 9-930.

26 The State is not obligated to provide capital or operating funds for the Veterans'  
27 Home Commission but may appropriate money for the purposes and goals of the  
28 Commission.

29 [Subtitle 8. War Memorial Commission.]

30 PART IV. WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION.

31 [9-801.] 9-931.

32 In this PART IV OF THIS subtitle, "Commission" means the War Memorial  
33 Commission.

1 [9-802.] 9-932.

2 There is a War Memorial Commission in the Department of [General Services]  
3 VETERANS AFFAIRS.

4 [9-803.] 9-933.

5 (a) (1) The Commission consists of 10 members.

6 (2) Of the 10 Commission members:

7 (i) 5 shall be appointed by the Secretary of [General Services]  
8 VETERANS AFFAIRS, with the approval of the Governor; and

9 (ii) 5 shall be appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City.

10 (b) Each member must be a Maryland war veteran.

11 (c) (1) The term of a member is 5 years.

12 (2) The terms of a member are staggered as required by the terms  
13 provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1984.

14 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
15 appointed and qualifies.

16 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
17 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

18 [9-804.] 9-934.

19 (a) From among its members, the Commission may elect:

20 (1) a chairman;

21 (2) a vice chairman; and

22 (3) a secretary and a treasurer or a secretary-treasurer.

23 (b) The manner of election of officers and their terms of office shall be as the  
24 Commission determines.

25 [9-805.] 9-935.

26 (a) A member of the Commission may not receive compensation.

27 (b) If the Commission approves the reimbursement and records the vote in the  
28 minutes, a member is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
29 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.



1 [9-806.] 9-936.

2 The State and Baltimore City jointly shall hold title to the War Memorial  
3 Building and the memorial site.

4 [9-807.] 9-937.

5 (a) The Commission may provide for management of the War Memorial  
6 Building as provided in this section.

7 (b) (1) The Commission shall adopt regulations that provide for the  
8 management of the War Memorial Building in a manner that:

9 (i) permits the greatest possible use of the building by the people of  
10 the State and by patriotic organizations in the State; and

11 (ii) to the extent possible, permits the use by the patriotic  
12 organizations without cost.

13 (2) The Commission shall enforce the regulations.

14 (c) The Commission may appoint a custodian and a janitor for the War  
15 Memorial Building.

16 (d) The Commission may use, for the maintenance and administration of the  
17 building, any funds that the General Assembly or the Mayor and City Council of  
18 Baltimore appropriate for those purposes.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative  
21 Services, shall correct any agency names and titles throughout the Code that are  
22 rendered incorrect by this Act.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1999.