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By: **The President (Administration) and Senators Miller, Middleton, Blount,  
Astle, Baker, Bromwell, Collins, Conway, Dyson, Exum, Green, Lawlah,  
Munson, Ruben, Stone, and Teitelbaum**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article - State Government  
19 Section 8-201; 9-801 through 9-807, inclusive, to be under the new part "Part  
20 IV. War Memorial Commission"; 9-901 to be under the amended subtitle  
21 "Subtitle 9. Department of Veterans Affairs" and the amended part "Part I.  
22 Established"; 9-904, 9-905, 9-907, 9-909 through 9-915, inclusive, 9-920,  
23 9-925, and 9-926  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

26 BY adding to  
27 Article - State Government  
28 Section 9-902  
29 Annotated Code of Maryland  
30 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

1 BY repealing  
2 Article - State Government  
3 Section 9-906; and the subtitle designation "Subtitle 8. War Memorial  
4 Commission" in Title 9  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - State Government  
9 Section 9-908, 9-917, 9-918, 9-919, 9-921 through 9-924, inclusive, and 9-927  
10 through 9-930, inclusive  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Government**

16 8-201.

17 (a) The Executive Branch of the State government shall have not more than  
18 21 principal departments, each of which shall embrace a broad, functional area of that  
19 Branch.

20 (b) The principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State  
21 government are:

- 22 (1) Aging;
- 23 (2) Agriculture;
- 24 (3) Budget and Management;
- 25 (4) Business and Economic Development;
- 26 (5) the Environment;
- 27 (6) General Services;
- 28 (7) Health and Mental Hygiene;
- 29 (8) Housing and Community Development;
- 30 (9) Human Resources;
- 31 (10) Juvenile Justice;
- 32 (11) Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

- 1 (12) Natural Resources;
- 2 (13) Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- 3 (14) State Police; [and]
- 4 (15) Transportation; AND
- 5 (16) VETERANS AFFAIRS.

6 Subtitle 9. DEPARTMENT OF Veterans AFFAIRS.

7 Part I. [Definition] ESTABLISHED.

8 9-901.

9 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
10 INDICATED.

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

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

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

17 9-902.

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

20 (B) THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS  
21 AFFAIRS WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND  
22 CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

23 (C) (1) THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND  
24 IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR. THE SECRETARY SHALL ADVISE THE  
25 GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE  
26 FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES ON THESE MATTERS.

27 (2) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE  
28 DEPARTMENT AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE  
29 THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

30 (3) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY  
31 MAY ESTABLISH, REORGANIZE, OR CONSOLIDATE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE  
32 DEPARTMENT AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE  
33 SECRETARY.

1 (4) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO  
2 CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3 (D) THE SECRETARY IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE  
4 BUDGET.

5 Part II. Maryland Veterans Commission.

6 9-904.

7 (a) In this Part II of this [subtitle] SUBTITLE, the following words have the  
8 meanings indicated.

9 (b) "Commission" means the Maryland Veterans Commission.

10 (c) "Director" means the Director of the Maryland Veterans Commission.

11 9-905.

12 There is a Maryland Veterans Commission IN THE DEPARTMENT.

13 [9-906.

14 The Commission is an independent unit and, except by statute, may not be  
15 made a part of another unit of the State government.]

16 9-907.

17 (a) (1) The Commission consists of the following 26 members:

18 (i) as an ex officio member, the Chairman of the Maryland  
19 Veterans' Home Commission; and

20 (ii) 25 members appointed by the Governor.

21 (2) Of the 25 appointed members:

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

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

25 (iii) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the  
26 Governor by each of the following organizations:

27 1. the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.;

28 2. the American Legion;

29 3. the Amvets;

- 1 4. the Catholic War Veterans;
- 2 5. the Disabled American Veterans;
- 3 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;
- 4 7. the Jewish War Veterans;
- 5 8. the Marine Corps League;
- 6 9. the Maryland Retired Officers Association;
- 7 10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
- 8 11. the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;
- 9 12. the [Polish-American War Veterans] POLISH LEGION OF  
10 AMERICAN VETERANS;
- 11 13. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- 12 14. the Veterans of World War I;
- 13 15. the Vietnam Veterans of America; and
- 14 16. the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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

25 9-908.

26 From among the members of the Commission, the Governor shall appoint a  
27 chairman.

28 9-909.

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

30 (b) A member of the Commission:

1 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

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

7 9-910.

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

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

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

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

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

15 9-911.

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

18 (b) (1) The Commission may:

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

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

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

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

27 1. have access with the least possible delay, travel, and  
28 inconvenience; and

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

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

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

1 (1) avoid an overlap of effort; and

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

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

5 9-912.

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

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

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

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

13 (iii) trying to prevent and to relieve congestion in the processing of  
14 the claims; and

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

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

18 9-913.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (iii) the Board of Public Works.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (ii) when the veteran died; or

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

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

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

31 (i) the veteran; and

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 9-914.

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

17 9-915.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31                   (1)    lease land on behalf of the State or a political subdivision of the State;  
32 or

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (1) accept gifts or grants;

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

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

19 Part III. Maryland Veterans' Home Commission.

20 9-917.

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

23 9-918.

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

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

28 9-919.

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

30 (1) a unit of the State government;

31 (2) a political subdivision of the State; or

32 (3) any person who is interested in veterans in the State.

1 9-920.

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

3 9-921.

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

5 (1) 11 individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and  
6 consent of the Senate; and

7 (2) as ex officio members:

8 (i) the Governor;

9 (ii) the President of the Senate;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (1) veterans and veterans' groups; and

23 (2) the geographical areas of the State.

24 9-922.

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

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

1 9-923.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (1) may not receive compensation, but

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

24 9-924.

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

26 9-925.

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

29 (i) to the Governor; and

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

31 (2) The annual report shall:

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

1 (ii) include any recommendations for furthering the purposes of the  
2 Commission.

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

5 9-926.

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

8 (1) govern itself; and

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

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

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

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

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

18 (i) may not incur any expenses without the consent of the  
19 Commission; and

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

23 9-927.

24 (a) The Veterans' Home Commission shall:

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

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

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

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

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

4 (4) The Commandant shall:

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

6 (ii) perform any duty that the Veterans' Home Commission  
7 requires.

8 (5) If the Veterans' Home Commission delegates to the Commandant  
9 responsibility for employing staff, the Commission shall hold the Commandant  
10 strictly accountable for the actions of each individual whom the Commandant  
11 employs.

12 9-928.

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

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

16 (2) is a resident of the State.

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

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

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

25 9-929.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (ii) invest all or part of the principal and income in:
- 2 1. general obligations of the State; or
- 3 2. any other security.

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

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

10 9-930.

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

14 [Subtitle 8. War Memorial Commission.]

15 PART IV. WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION.

16 [9-801.] 9-931.

17 In this PART IV OF THIS subtitle, "Commission" means the War Memorial  
18 Commission.

19 [9-802.] 9-932.

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

22 [9-803.] 9-933.

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

24 (2) Of the 10 Commission members:

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

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

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

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

30 (2) The terms of a member are staggered as required by the terms  
31 provided for members of the 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 [9-804.] 9-934.

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

7 (1) a chairman;

8 (2) a vice chairman; and

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

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

12 [9-805.] 9-935.

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

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

17 [9-806.] 9-936.

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

20 [9-807.] 9-937.

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

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

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

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

29 (2) The Commission shall enforce the regulations.

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



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

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

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