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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Veterans Commission - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a representative from the Maryland Coalition of the  
4 Retired Enlisted Association to the Maryland Veterans Commission; and  
5 generally relating to the Maryland Veterans Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - State Government  
8 Section 9-907  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article - State Government**

14 9-907.

15 (a) (1) The Commission consists of the following [28] 29 members:

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

18 (ii) [27] 28 members appointed by the Governor.

19 (2) Of the [27] 28 appointed members:

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

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

1 (iii) 1 shall be a representative of a women veterans organization in  
2 the State; and

3 (iv) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the  
4 Governor by each of the following organizations:

- 5 1. the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.;
- 6 2. the American Legion;
- 7 3. the Amvets;
- 8 4. the Catholic War Veterans;
- 9 5. the Disabled American Veterans;
- 10 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;
- 11 7. the Jewish War Veterans;
- 12 8. the Marine Corps League;
- 13 9. the Maryland Retired Officers Association;
- 14 10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
- 15 11. the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;
- 16 12. the Polish Legion of American Veterans;
- 17 13. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- 18 14. the Veterans of World War I;
- 19 15. the Vietnam Veterans of America;
- 20 16. the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.; [and]
- 21 17. the Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc.; AND
- 22 18. THE MARYLAND COALITION OF THE RETIRED ENLISTED  
23 ASSOCIATION.

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

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

28 (2) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the  
29 terms 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       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2000.