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CHAPTER

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:

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| 1 2 Veterans' Home Com | (i) mission; | | officio member, the Chairman of the Maryland |
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| 3 | (ii) | [27] 28 | members appointed by the Governor. |
| 4 (2) | Of the [27] 28 appointed members: | | |
| 5 6 the State; | (i) 1 shall be appointed from each of the 8 congressional districts in | | |
| 7 | (ii) | 1 shall be appointed from the State at large; | |
| 8 9 the State; and | (iii) | 1 shall b | be a representative of a women veterans organization in |
| 10 (iv) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the 11 Governor by each of the following organizations: | | | |
| 12 | | 1. | the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.; |
| 13 | | 2. | the American Legion; |
| 14 | | 3. | the Amvets; |
| 15 | | 4. | the Catholic War Veterans; |
| 16 | | 5. | the Disabled American Veterans; |
| 17 | | 6. | the Fleet Reserve Association; |
| 18 | | 7. | the Jewish War Veterans; |
| 19 | | 8. | the Marine Corps League; |
| 20 | | 9. | the Maryland Retired Officers Association; |
| 21 | | 10. | the Military Order of the Purple Heart; |
| 22 | | 11. | the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association; |
| 23 | | 12. | the Polish Legion of American Veterans; |
| 24 | | 13. | the Veterans of Foreign Wars; |
| 25 | | 14. | the Veterans of World War I; |
| 26 | | 15. | the Vietnam Veterans of America; |
| 27 | | 16. | the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.; [and] |
| 28 | | 17. | the Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc.; AND |

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- 1 18. THE MARYLAND COALITION OF THE RETIRED ENLISTED 2 ASSOCIATION.
- 3 (b) Each member must be a resident of the State and a veteran whose final 4 separation from active service with a uniformed service of the United States was
- 5 under honorable conditions.
- 6 (c) (1) The term of an appointed member is 7 years.
- 7 (2) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the 8 terms provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1984.
- 9 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is 10 appointed and qualifies.
- 11 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for 12 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 14 October 1, 2000.