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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Commerce and Government Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Hixson, Conroy, and Love**

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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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Veterans Commission - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~adding a representative from the Veterans of the Battle of the~~  
4 ~~Bulge to the Maryland Veterans Commission; and generally relating to the~~  
5 ~~Maryland Veterans Commission~~ amending the membership of the Maryland  
6 Veterans Commission; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland  
7 Veterans Commission.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - State Government  
10 Section 9-907  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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**Article - State Government**

2 9-907.

3 (a) (1) The Commission consists of the following {29} 30 members:

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

6 (ii) {28} 29 members appointed by the Governor.

7 (2) Of the {28} 29 appointed members:

8 (i) 1 shall be appointed from each of the 8 congressional districts in  
9 the State;10 (ii) 1 shall be a veteran of World War II, appointed from the State  
11 at large;12 (iii) 1 shall be a representative of a women veterans organization in  
13 the State; ~~and~~14 (iv) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the  
15 Governor by each of the following organizations:

- 16 1. the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.;
- 17 2. the American Legion;
- 18 3. the Amvets;
- 19 4. the Catholic War Veterans;
- 20 5. the Disabled American Veterans;
- 21 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;
- 22 7. the Jewish War Veterans;
- 23 8. the Marine Corps League;
- 24 9. the Maryland Retired Officers Association;
- 25 10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
- 26 11. the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;
- 27 12. the Polish Legion of American Veterans;
- 28 13. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- 29 14. ~~the Veterans of World War I;~~

1                                   ~~15.~~     the Vietnam Veterans of America;  
2                                   ~~16.~~     15.     the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.;  
3                                   ~~17.~~     16.     the Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc.; [and]  
4                                   ~~18.~~     17.     the Maryland Coalition of the Retired Enlisted  
5 Association; AND  
6                                   ~~19.~~     ~~THE VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE.~~

7                                   (V)     1 SHALL BE A VETERAN OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR APPOINTED  
8 FROM THE STATE AT LARGE.

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

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

13                   (2)     The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the  
14 terms provided for members of the 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     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2002.