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By: **Senator Munson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Veterans Commission - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of amending the membership of the Maryland Veterans  
4 Commission; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland  
5 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 and 2001 Supplement)

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 29 members:

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

18 (ii) 28 members appointed by the Governor.

19 (2) Of the 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 a veteran of World War II, appointed from the State  
23 at large;

24 (iii) 1 shall be a representative of a women veterans organization in  
25 the State; [and]

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

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

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

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, 2002.