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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1185

(Delegate Smigiel, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Rules

Maryland National Guard - Active Service - Operation Iraqi Freedom - Service Bar

This bill provides a service bar to Maryland National Guard members who are ordered to actively serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom to be worn on their uniforms in recognition of their service.

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by \$2,000 in FY 2004. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	2,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$2,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

Analysis

**Current Law:** None applicable.

**Background:** It is common practice for military organizations to issue service bars for individuals who have served in conflicts or have participated in other significant military

events as recognition for their service to their country. Chapter 103 of 2002 provided service bars to Maryland National Guard members who were ordered into active service in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

**State Fiscal Effect:** The Maryland Military Department advises that no more than 1,000 members of the Maryland National Guard will be called into active service as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The cost to design and produce 1,000 service bars will total approximately \$2,000.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Military Department, Governor's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Legislative Services

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