

By: **Delegate Burns**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Waiver of Tuition and Fees - Purple Heart Recipients**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for a certain waiver from tuition and mandatory fees at  
4 public senior higher education institutions for certain purple heart award  
5 recipients; providing the conditions for receiving the waiver; providing for the  
6 duration of the waiver; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a  
7 waiver from tuition and mandatory fees at a public senior higher education  
8 institution for purple heart award recipients.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 15-106.3  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 15-106.3.

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) "PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT" MEANS A MILITARY VETERAN WHO HAS  
21 EARNED A PURPLE HEART AWARD AS A RESULT OF MILITARY SERVICE.

22 (3) (I) "TUITION" MEANS THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY A PUBLIC SENIOR  
23 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION.

24 (II) "TUITION" INCLUDES CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION AND ALL  
25 FEES REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT.

1 (B) A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING TUITION AT A  
2 PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IF THE PURPLE HEART  
3 RECIPIENT:

4 (1) IS ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE;

5 (2) IS CONSIDERED AN IN-STATE RESIDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES;  
6 AND

7 (3) SUBMITS THE VERIFICATION REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS  
8 SECTION.

9 (C) A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT SEEKING A TUITION WAIVER SHALL  
10 REQUEST THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE VERIFICATION TO THE  
11 PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION THAT THE STUDENT IS A PURPLE  
12 HEART RECIPIENT.

13 (D) A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT WHO IS EXEMPT FROM TUITION AND  
14 MANDATORY FEES UNDER THIS SECTION CONTINUES TO BE EXEMPT UNTIL THE  
15 EARLIER OF:

16 (1) 5 YEARS AFTER FIRST ENROLLING AS A CANDIDATE FOR A  
17 BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE  
18 STATE; OR

19 (2) THE DATE THAT THE PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT IS AWARDED A  
20 BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2004.