
By: **Delegate C. Davis**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - Maryland Veterans Commission - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a member of the Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed
4 Veterans of America to the Maryland Veterans Commission; and generally
5 relating to the Maryland Veterans Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - State Government
8 Section 9-905
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - State Government
13 Section 9-907
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - State Government**

19 9-905.

20 There is a Maryland Veterans Commission in the Department.

21 9-907.

22 (a) (1) The Commission consists of the following [30] 31 members:

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

25 (ii) [29] 30 members appointed by the Governor.

- 1 (2) Of the [29] 30 appointed members:
- 2 (i) 1 shall be appointed from each of the 8 congressional districts in
3 the State;
- 4 (ii) 1 shall be a veteran of World War II, appointed from the State
5 at large;
- 6 (iii) 1 shall be a representative of a women veterans organization in
7 the State;
- 8 (iv) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the
9 Governor by each of the following organizations:
- 10 1. the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.;
 - 11 2. the American Legion;
 - 12 3. the Amvets;
 - 13 4. the Catholic War Veterans;
 - 14 5. the Disabled American Veterans;
 - 15 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;
 - 16 7. the Jewish War Veterans;
 - 17 8. the Marine Corps League;
 - 18 9. the Maryland Retired Officers Association;
 - 19 10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
 - 20 11. the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;
 - 21 12. the Polish Legion of American Veterans;
 - 22 13. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
 - 23 14. the Vietnam Veterans of America;
 - 24 15. the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.;
 - 25 16. the Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc.;
 - 26 17. the Maryland Coalition of the Retired Enlisted
27 Association; [and]
 - 28 18. the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge; and

1 19. THE COLONIAL CHAPTER OF THE PARALYZED VETERANS
2 OF AMERICA; AND

3 (v) 1 shall be a veteran of the Persian Gulf War appointed from the
4 State at large.

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

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

9 (2) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the
10 terms provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1984.

11 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
12 appointed and qualifies.

13 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
14 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2006.