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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service**
3 **Monument**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland
5 Women in Military Service Monument; providing for the composition and
6 staffing of the Commission; specifying the duties of the Commission; providing
7 certain reimbursement for travel expenses; requiring the Commission to refer to
8 a certain report; requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report on its
9 findings and recommendations on or before a certain date; requiring the
10 Commission to submit a final report on its findings and recommendations on or
11 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
12 relating to a Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in
13 Military Service Monument.

14 **Preamble**

15 WHEREAS, Many women of Maryland served in the uniformed forces of the
16 United States; and

17 WHEREAS, The creation of the Maryland Women in Military Service
18 Monument would recognize those women and ensure that their contributions,
19 dedication, valor, and sacrifice will be remembered and honored; and

20 WHEREAS, The people of Maryland want to recognize and pay special tribute
21 to the brave women from the State who have served in the military; and

22 WHEREAS, The people of Maryland want to establish a lasting tribute so that
23 future generations of citizens will note the courage and sacrifice of those Maryland
24 women who served our nation in uniform; now, therefore,

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 MARYLAND, That:

27 (a) There is a Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in
28 Military Service Monument.

1 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

2 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who serves on the Maryland
3 General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4 (2) one member of the House of Delegates who serves on the Maryland
5 General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

6 (3) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary's designee;

7 (4) the Secretary of General Services or the Secretary's designee; and

8 (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor on or before
9 September 1, 2006:

10 (i) two representatives of the Maryland Veterans Commission; and

11 (ii) four representatives of women's veterans organizations.

12 (c) The members of the Commission shall elect the chair from among the
13 Commission's members.

14 (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide staff for the Commission.

15 (e) A member of the Commission:

16 (1) may not receive compensation; but

17 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
18 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

19 (f) The Commission shall:

20 (1) refer to the "Report to the Governor and the General Assembly on
21 Women Veterans Monument" submitted by the Task Force on the Establishment of a
22 Maryland Women Veterans Monument on December 31, 2005; and

23 (2) identify and recommend the funding, design, construction, and
24 placement of an appropriate monument dedicated to women from Maryland who
25 served in the uniformed forces of the United States of America.

26 (g) The Commission shall submit a preliminary report on its findings and
27 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
28 Article, the General Assembly on or before February 1, 2007.

29 (h) The Commission shall submit a final report on its findings and
30 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
31 Article, the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2007.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the

- 1 end of September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
- 2 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.