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CHAPTER _____

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

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

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

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 MARYLAND, That:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (e) A member of the Commission:

25 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

28 (f) The Commission shall:

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

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

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

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

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the
12 end of September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
13 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.