

# HOUSE BILL 1412

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By: **Delegates Harrison, Anderson, Carter, Conaway, Oaks, Robinson, and Stukes**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 9–916  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – State Government**

4 9–916.

5 There is a Maryland Veterans Commission in the Department that shall advise  
6 the Secretary of all matters pertaining to veterans issues.

7 9–917.

8 (a) (1) The Commission consists of [27] **28** members appointed by the  
9 Governor.

10 (2) Of the members:

11 (i) 1 shall be appointed from each of the 8 congressional  
12 districts in the State;

13 (ii) 1 shall be a veteran appointed from the State at large;

14 (iii) 1 shall be a representative of a women veterans organization  
15 in the State;

16 (iv) 1 shall be a representative of a retired enlisted organization;  
17 and

18 (v) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to  
19 the Governor by each of the following organizations:

20 1. the American Ex–Prisoners of War, Inc.;

21 2. the American Legion;

22 3. the Amvets;

23 4. the Catholic War Veterans;

24 5. the Disabled American Veterans;

25 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;

- 1                   7.    the Jewish War Veterans;  
2                   8.    the Marine Corps League;  
3                   9.    the Maryland Military Officers Association of  
4 America;  
5                   10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;  
6                   11. the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;  
7                   12. the Polish Legion of American Veterans;  
8                   13. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;  
9                   14. the Vietnam Veterans of America;  
10                  15. the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.; [and]  
11                  16. the Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc.; AND

12                   **17. THE COLONIAL CHAPTER OF THE PARALYZED**  
13 **VETERANS OF AMERICA.**

14               (b)    Each member must be a resident of the State and a veteran.

15               (c)    (1)   The term of an appointed member is 5 years.

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

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

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

22                   (5)   When an organization is no longer a part of the Commission, the  
23 appointment shall terminate at the end of the current member's term.

24               (d)    A new organization may not be eligible for representation on the  
25 Commission, by appointment of the Governor, unless it is congressionally chartered.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2007.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.