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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

Rules suspended

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Military Department Center for Military History**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Military Department Center for Military
4 History; establishing the Maryland Museum of Military History and the
5 Maryland Military Historical Research Center as components of the Center for
6 Military History; providing for the staffing and duties of the Center for Military
7 History and its components; authorizing the Center for Military History to
8 assume title to certain abandoned property in a certain manner; and generally
9 relating to the establishment of a Maryland Military Department Center for
10 Military History.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section 13–219
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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 – Public Safety**

4 **13-219.**

5 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR
6 MILITARY HISTORY.

7 (B) THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY
8 HISTORY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

9 (1) THE MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY; AND

10 (2) THE MARYLAND MILITARY HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER.

11 (C) THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY
12 HISTORY SHALL BE A COMPONENT OF THE MARYLAND MILITARY
13 DEPARTMENT, AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MARYLAND SHALL
14 DESIGNATE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND MILITARY
15 DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY.

16 (D) THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE
17 STAFFING AS DETERMINED AVAILABLE BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO THE
18 MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY AND THE MARYLAND MILITARY
19 HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER TO INCLUDE A DIRECTOR FOR EACH.

20 (E) THE MARYLAND MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., A
21 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, SHALL:

22 (1) SERVE AS AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE MARYLAND MILITARY
23 DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY, BUT MAY NOT ENGAGE IN
24 DIRECT OVERSIGHT OF EMPLOYEES OF THE MARYLAND MILITARY
25 DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY OR ITS DAY-TO-DAY
26 OPERATIONS;

27 (2) BE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN FUND-RAISING ON BEHALF OF
28 THE CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY;

1 (3) BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT
2 ACTIVITIES OF THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR
3 MILITARY HISTORY WITHOUT PAY OR COMPENSATION, EXCEPT THAT THE
4 VOLUNTEERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER WORKERS'
5 COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES SUFFERED IN THE COURSE OF VOLUNTEER
6 WORK FOR THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY
7 HISTORY AS IF THEY WERE PAID EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE; AND

8 (4) BE AUTHORIZED TO USE OFFICE SPACE WITHIN FACILITIES OF
9 THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT, INDEPENDENT OF THE SPACE
10 ALLOTTED TO THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR
11 MILITARY HISTORY ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
12 ADJUTANT GENERAL.

13 (F) THE MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY SHALL:

14 (1) COLLECT, PRESERVE, INTERPRET, AND PRESENT
15 SIGNIFICANT ARTIFACTS AND ARTWORK RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE
16 PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS THAT REPRESENT ALL COMPONENTS AND
17 BRANCHES OF EACH SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND THE
18 MILITARY HERITAGE OF THE STATE; AND

19 (2) CONVEY AN AWARENESS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE OF
20 MARYLANDERS AND HOW THAT SERVICE HAS HELPED PRESERVE AMERICAN
21 FREEDOMS THROUGH EXHIBITS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND OUTREACH.

22 (G) THE MARYLAND MILITARY HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER
23 SHALL:

24 (1) COLLECT, INTERPRET, PRESERVE, AND PRESENT
25 DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ELECTRONIC MEDIA, AND OTHER MATERIALS
26 CONTAINING INFORMATION OR IMAGERY RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE
27 PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS THAT REPRESENT ALL COMPONENTS AND
28 BRANCHES OF EACH SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND THE
29 MILITARY HERITAGE OF THE STATE;

30 (2) EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE MILITARY HISTORY OF
31 THE STATE BY PROVIDING BONA FIDE RESEARCHERS WITH ACCESS TO

1 COLLECTED MATERIALS AND BY PROVIDING HISTORICAL IMAGERY TO SUPPORT
2 DISPLAYS BY THE MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY; AND

3 (3) ADVISE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE MARYLAND
4 MILITARY DEPARTMENT GENERALLY ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE
5 HERALDRY, HONORS, LINEAGE, AND HISTORY OF UNITS OF THE ORGANIZED
6 MILITIA OF THE STATE.

7 (H) (1) THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR
8 MILITARY HISTORY MAY ASSUME TITLE TO ABANDONED PROPERTY IN ITS
9 POSSESSION.

10 (2) PROPERTY SHALL BE CONSIDERED ABANDONED IF:

11 (I) IT HAS BEEN IN THE POSSESSION OF THE MARYLAND
12 MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY FOR 7 YEARS OR
13 MORE;

14 (II) THERE ARE NO KNOWN OWNERS, OR A REASONABLE
15 ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CONTACT THE OWNER WITHOUT SUCCESS, OR THE
16 OWNER HAS BEEN CONTACTED BUT HAS REFUSED TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE
17 PROPERTY;

18 (III) THERE ARE NO KNOWN AGREEMENTS TO DONATE OR
19 LEND THE PROPERTY, OR THERE IS A KNOWN AGREEMENT TO LEND THE
20 PROPERTY FOR A FINITE PERIOD BUT THE PERIOD OF THE LOAN HAS BEEN
21 EXCEEDED BY 7 OR MORE YEARS, OR THERE IS AN AGREEMENT TO LEND THE
22 PROPERTY FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD BUT THE LENDER HAS BEEN DECEASED
23 FOR 7 OR MORE YEARS, OR THE PROPERTY WAS LENT BY AN ORGANIZATION
24 THAT HAS BEEN DEFUNCT FOR 7 OR MORE YEARS; AND

25 (IV) A NOTICE IS POSTED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FOR AT
26 LEAST 2 WEEKS STATING THE INTENT TO TAKE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY IF IT IS
27 NOT CLAIMED AND THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY DOES NOT CONTACT THE
28 MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY WITHIN 1 WEEK OF THE FINAL
29 PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE.

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