

SENATE BILL 915

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By: **Senator McFadden**
Introduced and read first time: February 23, 2007
Assigned to: Rules

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

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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 9–916.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 9–917.

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

6 (2) Of the members:

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

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

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

12 (iv) 1 shall be a representative of a retired enlisted organization;
13 and

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

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

17 2. the American Legion;

18 3. the Amvets;

19 4. the Catholic War Veterans;

20 5. the Disabled American Veterans;

21 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;

22 7. the Jewish War Veterans;

23 8. the Marine Corps League;

24 9. the Maryland Military Officers Association of
25 America;

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

8 **17. THE COLONIAL CHAPTER OF THE PARALYZED**
9 **VETERANS OF AMERICA.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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