

CHAPTER 538

(House Bill 944)

AN ACT concerning

Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument — ~~Extension of Termination Date~~

FOR the purpose of ~~codifying the provisions of law enacted in 2006 that created and provided~~ reestablishing the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument; providing for the membership, staff, and duties of the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument; *authorizing the Commission to enter into a written agreement or memorandum of understanding regarding the funding, design, construction, or placement of an appropriate monument with certain government entities;* providing for the termination ~~date for~~ of the Commission; ~~repealing a certain termination date in certain prior Acts of the General Assembly relating to the Commission that are rendered obsolete by this Act~~ stating the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9–8A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8A. Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Chapter 281 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006~~

~~Section 2~~

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

Article – State Government

SUBTITLE 8A. COMMISSION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARYLAND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE MONUMENT.

9-8A-01.

(A) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARYLAND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE MONUMENT.

(B) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND WHO SERVES ON THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S VETERAN'S CAUCUS, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WHO SERVES ON THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S VETERAN'S CAUCUS, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

(5) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, ~~2006~~ 2009:

(I) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION; AND

(II) FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF WOMEN'S VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS.

(C) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT THE CHAIR FROM AMONG THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERS.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION.

(E) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) REFER TO THE “REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON WOMEN VETERANS MONUMENT” SUBMITTED BY THE TASK FORCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARYLAND WOMEN VETERANS MONUMENT ON DECEMBER 31, 2005; AND

(2) ~~IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND~~ MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION ISSUED UNDER CHAPTERS 281 AND 282 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2006 REGARDING THE FUNDING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND PLACEMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE MONUMENT DEDICATED TO WOMEN FROM MARYLAND WHO SERVED IN THE UNIFORMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND

(3) COORDINATE AND MONITOR THE EFFORT TO ERECT THE MARYLAND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE MONUMENT DESCRIBED IN ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

~~(G) THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2010.~~

(G) THE COMMISSION MAY ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE FUNDING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OR PLACEMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE MONUMENT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, A COUNTY, OR A MUNICIPALITY.

~~(H) (G)~~ (H) THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE MARYLAND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE MONUMENT AND ANY ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.

~~Chapter 281 of the Acts of 2006~~

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

~~Chapter 282 of the Acts of 2006~~

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly, That:

(1) The Governor appoint to the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument those individuals who formerly were appointed to the predecessor Commission established under Chapters 281 and 282 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006 and who were serving on the Commission as of September 30, 2007; and

(2) Notwithstanding Section 3 of this Act, if a monument to honor Maryland women in military service is completed and erected before the termination of this Act, the Commission established under this Act shall terminate its operations and cease to meet after that monument is erected.

~~SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 4 months and, at the end of September 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of further force and effect. However, if a monument to honor Maryland women in military service is completed and erected before September 30, 2014, the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument no longer needs to continue meeting after that occurrence.~~

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2009.