

## Chapter 438

(House Bill 1435)

AN ACT concerning

### Maryland Veterans Commission – Membership – Revision

FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Maryland Veterans Commission; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–915  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–917(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

#### Article – State Government

9–915.

In this Part II of this subtitle, “Commission” means the Maryland Veterans Commission.

9–917.

(a) (1) The Commission consists of 28 members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Of the members:

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

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

- (iii) 1 shall be a woman veteran appointed from the State at large;
- (iv) 1 shall be a representative of a retired enlisted organization; and
- (v) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the Governor by each of the following organizations:
1. the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.;
  2. the American Legion;
  3. the Amvets;
  4. the Catholic War Veterans;
  5. the Disabled American Veterans;
  6. the Fleet Reserve Association;
  7. the Jewish War Veterans;
  8. the Marine Corps League;
  9. the Maryland Military Officers Association of America;
  10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
  11. the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;
  12. the Polish Legion of American Veterans;
  13. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
  14. the Vietnam Veterans of America;
  15. the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.;
  16. the [Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc.] **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BLACK VETERANS**; and
  17. the Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect October 1, 2012~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

**Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.**