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Senate Bill 1076   (Senator McFadden)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs   Rules and Executive Nominations

Maryland Veterans Commission - Membership - Revision

This emergency bill substitutes the National Association for Black Veterans for the Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc. as an organization that may submit the name of an individual to be appointed to the Maryland Veterans Commission by the Governor.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Altering an organization making appointments to the commission does not affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Maryland Veterans Commission consists of 28 members. Seventeen are appointed from lists submitted by various veterans' organizations. The Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc. was included as an organization that may submit an individual's name for appointment to the commission by Chapters 124 and 125 of 1999.

Background: The Maryland Veterans Commission advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters pertaining to veterans' issues. Founded in 1924 as the Soldiers' Relief Fund Commission dedicated to helping disabled World War I veterans, it was renamed the Maryland Veterans Commission in 1935. Along with the Maryland Veterans Home Commission and the War Memorial Commission, the Maryland Veterans Commission became part of the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1999.

All black veterans' organizations have recently been united into the National Association for Black Veterans.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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