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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans
4 Memorial to study establishing a memorial dedicated to Maryland women veterans;
5 and generally relating to the Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans
6 Memorial.

7 Preamble

8 WHEREAS, The women of Maryland have served as members of this nation's armed
9 forces in every conflict in defense of the U.S.; and

10 WHEREAS, Women veterans of Maryland have served in every area of armed forces
11 assignment, including the bearing of arms; and

12 WHEREAS, The service provided by women veterans of Maryland is worthy of a
13 memorialization that properly honors those who willingly place themselves in danger on
14 behalf of those whom that service protects; and

15 WHEREAS, There is no significant memorial established within Maryland that
16 honors the service of the women veterans of Maryland; now, therefore,

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 MARYLAND,
2 That:

3 (a) There is a Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial.

4 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

5 ~~(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who serves on the Maryland~~
6 ~~General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate;~~

7 ~~(2) one member of the House of Delegates who serves on the Maryland~~
8 ~~General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;~~

9 ~~(3) (1) the Secretary of Veteran's Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;~~

10 ~~(4) (2) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee; and~~

11 ~~(5) the following members, appointed by the Governor on or before~~
12 ~~September 1, 2022;~~

13 ~~(i) (3) two representatives of the Maryland Veterans Commission,~~
14 ~~designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and~~

15 ~~(ii) four representatives of women's veterans organizations.~~

16 (4) four representatives of veteran services organizations who are women,
17 designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

18 (5) one representative of the Maryland National Guard, designated by the
19 Adjutant General of Maryland.

20 (c) The members of the Commission shall elect a chair from among the
21 Commission's members.

22 (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide staff for the Commission.

23 (e) A member of the Commission:

24 (1) may not receive compensation; but

25 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
26 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

27 (f) The Commission shall provide recommendations for the funding, design,
28 construction, and placement of an appropriate memorial dedicated to Maryland women
29 veterans.

1 (g) On or before February 1, 2023, the Commission shall submit a preliminary
2 report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
3 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 (h) On or before September 30, 2023, the Commission shall submit a final report
5 on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of
6 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024,
9 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
10 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.