

HOUSE BILL 400

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Hiring and Promotion**
3 **Preferences – Veterans and Their Spouses**

4 **PG/MC 106–22**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to grant
6 a preference in hiring and promotion to certain veterans, spouses of certain veterans,
7 and surviving spouses of certain veterans; providing that granting a preference
8 under this Act does not violate State or local equal employment opportunity laws;
9 and generally relating to hiring and promotion preferences for veterans and their
10 spouses.

11 BY repealing

12 Article – Public Utilities

13 Section 18–111

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Public Utilities

18 Section 18–111

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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 the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Public Utilities**

4 [18–111.

5 On all competitive selection processes for appointment, an honorably discharged
6 veteran of the United States armed forces who was a bona fide resident of the State when
7 the veteran entered the United States armed forces shall receive a credit of 5%.]

8 **18–111.**

9 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ELIGIBLE VETERAN” MEANS A VETERAN OF ANY**
10 **BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS RECEIVED AN**
11 **HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR A CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF**
12 **MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING:**

13 **(1) THE NATIONAL GUARD;**

14 **(2) THE MILITARY RESERVES;**

15 **(3) THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE;**

16 **AND**

17 **(4) THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND**
18 **ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.**

19 **(B) THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT A PREFERENCE IN HIRING AND**
20 **PROMOTION TO:**

21 **(1) AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN;**

22 **(2) THE SPOUSE OF AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN WHO HAS A**
23 **SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY; OR**

24 **(3) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED ELIGIBLE VETERAN.**

25 **(C) GRANTING A PREFERENCE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**
26 **DOES NOT VIOLATE ANY STATE OR LOCAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LAW.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2022.