HOUSE BILL 400

By: Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 PG/MC 106–22

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

5 BY repealing
6 Article – Public Utilities
7 Section 18–111
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Public Utilities
12 Section 18–111
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (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.
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Utilities

[18–111.

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

18–111.

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

(1) THE NATIONAL GUARD;

(2) THE MILITARY RESERVES;

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

AND

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

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

(1) AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN;

(2) THE SPOUSE OF AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN WHO HAS A SERVICE–CONNECTED DISABILITY; OR

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

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

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