

# SENATE BILL 365

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Maryland Veterans Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission by  
4 adding a representative of a certain organization; and generally relating to the  
5 membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – State Government  
8 Section 9–915 and 9–916  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2021 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 9–917(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – State Government**

19 9–915.

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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 In this Part II of this subtitle, "Commission" means the Maryland Veterans  
2 Commission.

3 9–916.

4 There is a Maryland Veterans Commission in the Department that shall advise the  
5 Secretary of all matters pertaining to veterans issues.

6 9–917.

7 (a) (1) The Commission consists of the following members appointed by the  
8 Governor.

9 (2) Of the members:

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

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

13 (iii) 1 shall be a woman veteran appointed from the State at large;

14 (iv) 1 shall be a representative of a retired enlisted organization;

15 (v) 1 shall be a veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflict, as defined  
16 in § 1–202(a–1) of the Public Safety Article;

17 (vi) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the  
18 Governor by each of the following organizations:

19 1. the American Ex–Prisoners of War, Inc.;

20 2. the American Legion;

21 3. the Amvets;

22 4. the Catholic War Veterans;

23 5. the Disabled American Veterans;

24 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;

25 7. the Jewish War Veterans;

26 8. the Marine Corps League;

27 9. the Maryland Military Officers Association of America;

- 1                   10.    the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
- 2                   11.    the Polish Legion of American Veterans;
- 3                   12.    the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- 4                   13.    the Vietnam Veterans of America;
- 5                   14.    the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.;
- 6                   15.    the National Association for Black Veterans; [and]
- 7                   16.    the Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of
- 8 America; and

**17.    THE RESERVE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA; AND**

10                   (vii)  1 shall be an honorary nonvoting member appointed from a list  
11 of individuals submitted to the Governor by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.