

SENATE BILL 473

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global War on Terror**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global
4 War on Terror to study establishing a memorial dedicated to Marylanders who have
5 fought in the Global War on Terror and their families; and generally relating to the
6 Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global War on Terror.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

9 (a) There is a Commission to Establish a Memorial to the Global War on Terror.

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

11 (1) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;

12 (2) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

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

15 (4) four representatives of veteran services organizations, designated by
16 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (e) A member of the Commission:

2 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

5 (f) The Commission shall provide recommendations for the funding, design,
6 construction, and placement of an appropriate memorial dedicated to Marylanders who
7 fought in the Global War on Terror and their families.

8 (g) On or before 7 months after the effective date of this Act, the Commission shall
9 submit a preliminary report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in
10 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 (h) On or before 1 year and 3 months after the effective date of this Act, the
12 Commission shall submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the
13 Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General
14 Assembly.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on
16 the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 2 of Chapter 423 of the
17 Acts of the General Assembly of 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and,
18 with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
19 further force and effect.