

SENATE BILL 697

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland National Guard – Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program**
3 **– Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the reimbursement limit, subject to a certain limitation, on
5 certain grant awards to certain members of the National Guard for the cost of certain
6 health care and dental care premiums; and generally relating to the Tricare
7 Premium Reimbursement Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Public Safety
10 Section 13–411
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 13–411.

17 (a) In this section, “eligible recipient” means an individual who is:

18 (1) eligible for Tricare Reserve Select coverage; and

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 (2) a member of the National Guard.

2 (b) There is a Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program in the Department.

3 (c) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the Department may award grants to
4 an eligible recipient who meets the reimbursement application requirements for any of the
5 following:

6 (1) a premium paid for individual coverage through the Tricare Reserve
7 Select Program;

8 (2) a premium paid for any member of the immediate family of an eligible
9 recipient covered under the Tricare Reserve Select Program;

10 (3) a premium paid for individual coverage under the Tricare Dental
11 Program; or

12 (4) a premium paid for any member of the immediate family of an eligible
13 recipient receiving dental benefits under the Tricare Dental Program.

14 (d) **(1) ~~A~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A** grant
15 award to an eligible recipient may reimburse the eligible recipient for up to **[\$60 of]** the
16 total amount of premiums paid each month by the eligible recipient for the coverages listed
17 under subsection (c) of this section.

18 **(2) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED TO ELIGIBLE**
19 **RECIPIENTS IN A FISCAL YEAR UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY**
20 **NOT EXCEED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE**
21 **TRICARE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.**

22 (e) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the
23 Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program established under this section.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2024.