

SENATE BILL 67

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By: **Senators Simonaire and M. Jackson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for**
3 **Benefits**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing health occupations boards to establish a certain process to
5 include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, ~~or~~ registration
6 ~~and assist in determining eligibility for State and federal veterans benefits, or public~~
7 ~~profile~~; and generally relating to veterans and health occupations boards.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health Occupations

10 Section 1–707

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Health Occupations**

16 **1–707.**

17 **(A) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO**
18 **INCLUDE A NOTATION INDICATING VETERAN STATUS ON A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE,**
19 **~~OR REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE AND TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING~~**

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 ~~ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH~~
2 ~~THIS SECTION.~~

3 (B) IF A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD ESTABLISHES THE PROCESS
4 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE,
5 CERTIFICATE, ~~OR~~ REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT
6 TO:

7 (1) PRESENT A CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN STATUS OBTAINED
8 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH § 9-905 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, A DD FORM 214, OR OTHER
10 DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD CERTIFYING
11 VETERAN STATUS; AND

12 (2) INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT CONSENTS TO:

13 (I) HAVING A NOTATION ON THE APPLICANT'S LICENSE,
14 CERTIFICATE, ~~OR~~ REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE INDICATING THAT THE
15 APPLICANT IS A VETERAN; AND

16 (II) BEING CONTACTED BY APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
17 AGENCIES REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL
18 VETERANS BENEFITS.

19 (C) IF AN APPLICANT PRESENTS THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND
20 CONSENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A HEALTH
21 OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL:

22 (1) INCLUDE ON THE APPLICANT'S LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, ~~OR~~
23 REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE A NOTATION INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT
24 IS A VETERAN; AND

25 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 4-304 THROUGH 4-325 OF THE
26 GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON
27 REQUEST FROM AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY, ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO
28 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
29 APPLICANT ~~RELEVANT TO DETERMINING THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE~~
30 ~~OR FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS.~~

31 (D) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
32 CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 October 1, 2025.