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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judicial and Public Safety for Service Members Act**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services;  
4 altering the rule of interpretation for “veteran”; altering the application of certain  
5 provisions of judicial proceedings, corrections, criminal, family, public safety, and  
6 real property laws to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed  
7 forces; and generally relating to veterans and uniformed services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Correctional Services

10 Section 2–109

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

15 Section 3–804, 5–642, 7–406, 8–302, and 9–501(a)(8)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

19 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

20 Section 8–101(a) and 9–501(a)(1)

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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 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 3 BY adding to  
4 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
5 Section 8–101(a–1)  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Criminal Law  
10 Section 1–101(a) and 4–111(a)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Criminal Law  
15 Section 1–101(k) and 4–111(a)(8)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Criminal Law  
20 Section 4–111(a)(8) and (b)(3) and 8–303(a)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
24 Article – Family Law  
25 Section 1–101(a)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 28 BY adding to  
29 Article – Family Law  
30 Section 1–101(j), (k), and (o)  
31 Annotated Code of Maryland  
32 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 33 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
34 Article – Family Law  
35 Section 1–101(j), (k), and (l), 2–405(d), 5–525(b)(3)(i), and 9–108(a)  
36 Annotated Code of Maryland  
37 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 38 BY adding to  
39 Article – General Provisions

- 1 Section 1–101.1, 1–101.2, 1–103.1, 1–114.1, 1–114.2, and 1–116  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
5 Article – General Provisions  
6 Section 1–117  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Public Safety  
11 Section 1–101(a), 2–418(a)(1), 13A–101(a), and 14–101(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Public Safety  
16 Section 1–101(a–1), (a–2), (d–1), (f), and (g)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 Article – Public Safety  
21 Section 1–202(a–1) and (e), 2–418(a)(2), 3–209(a)(5)(ii), 5–102(4), 5–103(2)(ii),  
22 5–117.1(a)(3) and (c)(1)(iii), 5–132(b)(1)(ii), 5–133(d)(2)(iii), 5–134(c)(3),  
23 5–137(b)(2), 5–203(a)(1)(ii), 5–204.1(a)(1)(iii), 5–306(a)(1)(ii) and (b)(2),  
24 11–105(c), 13–205, 13–215(a), 13–503(b)(2), 13–510(b)(1), (c)(2), and (d),  
25 13–601(a)(2), 13–704.1, 13–902(a), 13–904(a), 13A–101(k)(1)(i),  
26 13A–506(c)(1)(i), 13A–1009(a)(3)(i), 13A–1041(b)(2), 13A–1102(b)(6), and  
27 14–101(d)(2)  
28 Annotated Code of Maryland  
29 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 30 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
31 Article – Real Property  
32 Section 8–212.1  
33 Annotated Code of Maryland  
34 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 35 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
36 Article – State Government  
37 Section 9–901  
38 Annotated Code of Maryland  
39 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Correctional Services**

4 2–109.

5 (a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
6 INDICATED.

7 (2) “RESERVE COMPONENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901  
8 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

9 (3) “UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901  
10 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

11 (4) “VETERAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE  
12 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

13 (B) The Secretary shall adopt regulations for the office of the Secretary.

14 [(b)] (C) (1) The Secretary shall review regulations proposed by a unit in the  
15 Department.

16 (2) The Secretary may approve, disapprove, or revise regulations proposed  
17 by a unit in the Department.

18 [(c)] (D) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
19 Secretary shall adopt regulations to govern the policies and management of correctional  
20 facilities in the Department in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government  
21 Article.

22 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to a guideline pertaining  
23 to the routine internal management of correctional facilities in the Division of Correction.

24 (3) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Secretary  
25 shall adopt regulations that provide for a requirement that:

26 1. a correctional officer hired on or after October 1, 2007, for  
27 employment in any unit of the Division of Correction shall be at least 21 years old; and

28 2. a correctional officer hired on or after October 1, 2008, for  
29 employment in any unit of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services or the Patuxent  
30 Institution shall be at least 21 years old.

1 (ii) The regulations adopted under subparagraph (i) of this  
2 paragraph shall exempt any ~~honorably discharged~~ veteran or **HONORABLY**  
3 **DISCHARGED** reserve **COMPONENT** member of the [United States armed forces]  
4 **UNIFORMED SERVICES** from the minimum age requirement.

5 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

6 3–804.

7 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED**  
8 **IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

9 **[(a)] (B)** (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the court  
10 has jurisdiction under this subtitle only if the alleged CINA or child in a voluntary  
11 placement is under the age of 18 years when the petition is filed.

12 (2) The court has jurisdiction under this subtitle over a former CINA:

13 (i) Whose commitment to the local department was rescinded after  
14 the individual reached the age of 18 years but before the individual reached the age of 20  
15 years and 6 months; and

16 (ii) Who did not exit foster care due to reunification, adoption,  
17 guardianship, marriage, or [military duty] ~~SERVICE IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES~~  
18 **UNIFORMED SERVICES DUTY.**

19 **[(b)] (C)** If the court obtains jurisdiction over a child, that jurisdiction continues  
20 in that case until the child reaches the age of 21 years, unless the court terminates the case.

21 **[(c)] (D)** After the court terminates jurisdiction, a custody order issued by the  
22 court in a CINA case:

23 (1) Remains in effect; and

24 (2) May be revised or superseded only by another court of competent  
25 jurisdiction.

26 **[(d)] (E)** Notwithstanding subsection **[(b)] (C)** of this section, if the court enters  
27 an order directing the provision of services to a child under § 3–819(c)(3) or §  
28 3–823(h)(2)(vii) of this subtitle, the court retains jurisdiction to rule on any motion related  
29 to the enforcement, modification, or termination of the order, for as long as the order is  
30 effective.

31 5–642.

1 (a) IN THIS SECTION, “VETERAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF  
2 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

3 (B) A licensed funeral establishment or holder of a permit to engage in the  
4 business of a crematory who acts in good faith is not civilly liable for transferring the  
5 unclaimed cremated remains of a veteran or an eligible dependent of a veteran to a veterans  
6 service organization for purposes of disposition as provided in § 5–803 of the Business  
7 Regulation Article and § 7–406 of the Health Occupations Article.

8 [(b)] (C) A veterans service organization that acts in good faith is not civilly  
9 liable for receiving the unclaimed cremated remains of a veteran or an eligible dependent  
10 of a veteran for purposes of disposition as provided in § 5–803 of the Business Regulation  
11 Article and § 7–406 of the Health Occupations Article.

12 7–406.

13 (a) (1) In this section, ~~“armed forces” means the armed forces of the United~~  
14 ~~States] “UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~  
15 INDICATED.

16 (2) “ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
17 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

18 (3) “SERVICE MEMBER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE  
19 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

20 (b) A clerk of court shall provide without charge:

21 (1) A copy of any paper or record in the clerk’s office that is requested by a  
22 former or active [armed forces] SERVICE member ~~OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES~~, in  
23 person, or by the United States government, if the copy is to be used in connection with a  
24 claim of the FORMER OR ACTIVE SERVICE member against the United States  
25 government;

26 (2) A copy of a marriage record of a former or active [armed forces]  
27 SERVICE member ~~OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES~~ that is requested by the FORMER OR  
28 ACTIVE SERVICE member; and

29 (3) A copy of a marriage record of a former or active [armed forces]  
30 SERVICE member ~~OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES~~ or of a surviving spouse or child of the  
31 FORMER OR ACTIVE SERVICE member that is requested, if the copy is to be used in  
32 connection with a claim for a dependent or beneficiary of the FORMER OR ACTIVE  
33 SERVICE member.

34 8–101.

1 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (A-1) "ACTIVE DUTY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE  
3 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

4 8-302.

5 (a) In accordance with an agreement, if any, under § 8-213 of this title, a juror  
6 qualification form in substantially the following form shall be provided to each prospective  
7 juror:

8 Juror Qualification Form

9 Name:

10 Resident address:

11 Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cellular) \_\_\_\_\_

12 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

13 If you are over 70 years of age, do you wish to be exempted from jury services?  
14 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

15 U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

16 Able to comprehend, read, speak, and write English? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

17 Highest level of education completed:

18 \_\_\_ high school \_\_\_ college \_\_\_ graduate school \_\_\_ other

19 Occupation of prospective juror: \_\_\_\_\_

20 Name of employer: \_\_\_\_\_

21 Occupation of spouse, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

22 Disability preventing satisfactory jury service? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

23 Do you want an accommodation under the federal Americans with Disabilities  
24 Act? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

25 Pending charge for a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year?  
26 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

1 Conviction of crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and received  
 2 a sentence of imprisonment for more than 1 year and not legally pardoned?  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

4 Date of Conviction \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_Elected official of the federal Legislative Branch, as defined in 2 U.S.C. §  
 6 30a.

7 \_\_\_\_\_Active duty member of armed forces, **AS DEFINED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE**  
 8 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**, exempted in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 982.

9 \_\_\_\_\_**ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE NATIONAL**  
 10 **OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, EXEMPTED IN ACCORDANCE**  
 11 **WITH 10 U.S.C. § 982, AS MADE APPLICABLE BY 33 U.S.C. § 307(A)(6).**

12 \_\_\_\_\_Member of Maryland's organized militia exempted in accordance with  
 13 Public Safety Article § 13-218.

14 Prior jury service within 3 preceding years: \_\_\_\_\_

15 Form completed by me \_\_\_\_\_ Another (name) \_\_\_\_\_ and, if another, why?

16 Under the penalties of perjury, the responses are true to the best of my knowledge

17 Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

18 Prospective Juror

19 Individual completing form for prospective juror:

20 This form must be completed, signed, and returned to the jury commissioner within 10 days  
 21 after receipt. Documentation for excusal due to disability, exemption based on armed forces  
 22 or militia service, pardons, and/or prior jury service must be attached.

23 (b) A juror qualification form for a county may include other questions as the  
 24 county's jury plan requires.

25 9-501.

26 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (8) "Veteran" [means a person who served on active duty in the uniformed  
 28 services of the United States, other than for training, and was discharged or released under  
 29 conditions other than dishonorable] **HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE**  
 30 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**



1 **Article – Criminal Law**

2 1–101.

3 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 **(K) “VETERAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE**  
5 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

6 4–111.

7 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 **(8) “SERVICE MEMBER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE**  
9 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

10 **[(8)] (9)** “Special purpose area” means:

11 (i) a location licensed to sell or dispense alcohol or cannabis for  
12 on-site consumption;

13 (ii) a stadium;

14 (iii) a museum;

15 (iv) an amusement park;

16 (v) a racetrack; or

17 (vi) a video lottery facility, as defined in § 9–1A–01 of the State  
18 Government Article.

19 (b) This section does not apply to:

20 (3) a **SERVICE** member [of the armed forces of the United States, the  
21 National Guard, or the uniformed services] on duty or traveling to or from duty;

22 8–303.

23 (a) **(1)** In this section[, “government] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**  
24 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

25 **(2)** “**GOVERNMENT** identification document” means one of the following  
26 documents issued by the United States government or any state or local government:

- 1            [(1)] (I)     a passport;
- 2            [(2)] (II)    an immigration visa;
- 3            [(3)] (III)    an alien registration card;
- 4            [(4)] (IV)    an employment authorization card;
- 5            [(5)] (V)     a birth certificate;
- 6            [(6)] (VI)    a Social Security card;
- 7            [(7)] (VII)   a [military] **UNIFORMED SERVICES** identification;
- 8            [(8)] (VIII)  an adoption decree;
- 9            [(9)] (IX)    a marriage license;
- 10           [(10)] (X)    a driver’s license; or
- 11           [(11)] (XI)   a photo identification card.

12                 (3)     “UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901  
13 **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

14     **Article – Family Law**

15 1–101.

16            (a)     In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

17            (J)     “RESERVE COMPONENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE  
18 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

19            (K)     “SERVICE MEMBER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE  
20 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

21            [(j)] (L)     “State” means, except in Title 10, Subtitle 3 of this article:

- 22                     (1)     a state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of the United States; or
- 23                     (2)     the District of Columbia.

24            [(k)] (M)     “Summons” includes a subpoena.

1           **[1]** **(N)**       “Support” includes maintenance.

2           **(O)**    “**UNIFORMED SERVICES**” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN **§ 9-901 OF THE**  
3 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

4   2-405.

5           (d)   (1)    Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a license is not  
6 effective until 6 a.m. on the second calendar day after the license is issued.

7                   (2)    For good cause shown, a judge of the circuit court for the county in  
8 which the application is made may sign an authorization for a license to become effective  
9 at a time before the waiting period expires, as stated in the authorization, if 1 of the parties  
10 to be married is:

11                           (i)    a resident of this State; or

12                           (ii)   a **SERVICE** member [of the United States armed forces].

13   5-525.

14           (b)   (3)   (i)    The Administration shall establish a program of out-of-home  
15 placement for former CINAs:

16                           1.    whose commitment to a local department was rescinded  
17 after the individuals reached the age of 18 years but before the individuals reached the age  
18 of 20 years and 6 months; and

19                           2.    who did not exit foster care due to reunification, adoption,  
20 guardianship, marriage, or [military duty] ~~**SERVICE IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**~~  
21 **UNIFORMED SERVICES DUTY.**

22   9-108.

23           (a)   **(1)**    In this section[:

24                           **(1)**], “deployment” means compliance with [military] **OFFICIAL** orders  
25 received by a **SERVICE** member [of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,  
26 Space Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, or any other Reserve component] to report for  
27 combat operations or other active service for which the **SERVICE** member is required to  
28 report unaccompanied by any family member or that is classified by the **SERVICE** member’s  
29 branch as remote[; and].

30                           (2)    [“deployment”] **“DEPLOYMENT”** does not include [National Guard or  
31 Reserve] **RESERVE COMPONENT** annual training, inactive duty days, or drill weekends.

## Article – General Provisions

## 1-101.1.

“ACTIVE DUTY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

## 1-101.2.

“ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

## 1-103.1.

“ARMED FORCES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

## 1-114.1.

“RESERVE COMPONENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

## 1-114.2.

“SERVICE MEMBER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

## 1-116.

“UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

## 1-117.

(A) “VETERAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(B) With respect to any State program of benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran under this Code, “veteran” includes ~~§~~ if the individual is eligible under 38 U.S.C. § 101, a member of the commissioned corps of:

- (1) the Public Health Service; or

1 (2) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or its  
2 predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey] ~~AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE~~  
3 ~~DEFINITION OF "VETERAN" UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

#### 4 Article – Public Safety

5 1–101.

6 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (A–1) “ACTIVE DUTY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE  
8 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

9 (A–2) “ARMED FORCES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE  
10 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

11 (D–1) “RESERVE COMPONENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE  
12 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

13 (F) “UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE  
14 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

15 (G) “VETERAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE  
16 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

17 1–202.

18 (a–1) For purposes of this section, an individual served in the Afghanistan or Iraq  
19 conflict if the individual was a member of the uniformed services [of the United States]  
20 who served in:

21 (1) Afghanistan or contiguous air space, as defined in federal regulations,  
22 on or after October 24, 2001, and before a terminal date to be prescribed by the United  
23 States Secretary of Defense; or

24 (2) Iraq or contiguous waters or air space, as defined in federal regulations,  
25 on or after March 19, 2003, and before a terminal date to be prescribed by the United States  
26 Secretary of Defense.

27 (e) (1) The Secretary of State shall issue a State flag to the family of a  
28 firefighter, policeman, member of the [military] UNIFORMED SERVICES, sworn member  
29 of the office of State Fire Marshal, or professional or volunteer emergency medical services  
30 provider who is killed in the performance of duty.

1           (2) (i) Except when the deceased is a member of the [military]  
2 **UNIFORMED SERVICES**, the flag shall be presented to the family of the deceased by the  
3 State Senator of the legislative district in which the deceased resided or served.

4           (ii) When the deceased is a member of the [military] **UNIFORMED**  
5 **SERVICES**, the flag shall be presented to the family of the deceased by the Department of  
6 Veterans and Military Families.

7 2–418.

8           (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this  
9 subsection, a police employee who resigns from the Department for any reason may not be  
10 reappointed.

11           (2) A police employee who resigns to enter [military] ~~service~~ **IN THE**  
12 **UNIFORMED SERVICES** may be reappointed.

13 3–209.

14           (a) The Commission shall certify as a police officer each individual who:

15           (5) (ii) subject to subsection (b) of this section, is a permanent legal  
16 resident of the United States and ~~an~~ **an** honorably discharged ~~is~~ **A** veteran [of the United States  
17 armed forces], provided that the individual has applied to obtain United States citizenship  
18 and the application is still pending approval.

19 5–102.

20 This subtitle does not apply to:

21           (4) law enforcement personnel of any unit of the federal government,  
22 members of the armed forces [of the United States] or the National Guard, or law  
23 enforcement personnel of the State or any local agency in the State, while those personnel  
24 or members are acting within the scope of their official duties;

25 5–103.

26 This subtitle does not affect:

27           (2) a sale, rental, transfer, or the use of a regulated firearm by a person  
28 authorized or required to do so as part of the person's duties as a member of:

29           (ii) the armed forces [of the United States], including all official  
30 reserve organizations; or

31 5–117.1.

1 (a) This section does not apply to:

2 (3) a member or retired member of the armed forces [of the United States]  
3 or the National Guard; or

4 (c) A person may purchase, rent, or receive a handgun only if the person:

5 (1) (iii) is an active or retired member of the armed forces [of the United  
6 States] or the National Guard and possesses a valid [military] **UNIFORMED SERVICES**  
7 identification card; or

8 5–132.

9 (b) This section does not apply to:

10 (1) the purchase, sale, or transportation of a handgun to or by a federally  
11 licensed gun dealer or manufacturer that provides or services a handgun for:

12 (ii) members of the armed forces [of the United States] or the  
13 National Guard;

14 5–133.

15 (d) (2) Unless a person is otherwise prohibited from possessing a regulated  
16 firearm, this subsection does not apply to:

17 (iii) a member of the armed forces [of the United States] or the  
18 National Guard while performing official duties;

19 5–134.

20 (c) A person is not required to complete a certified firearms safety training course  
21 under subsection (b)(14) of this section if the person:

22 (3) is a member, retired member, or honorably discharged member of the  
23 armed forces [of the United States] or the National Guard;

24 5–137.

25 (b) If a person purchases a regulated firearm for use within the scope of the  
26 person's official duties, the Secretary may waive the 7-day waiting period under § 5–124 of  
27 this subtitle for:

28 (2) members of the armed forces [of the United States] or the National  
29 Guard; or

1 5-203.

2 (a) A person may not possess a short-barreled rifle or short-barreled shotgun  
3 unless:

4 (1) the person, while on official business is:

5 (ii) a member of the armed forces [of the United States] or the  
6 National Guard while on duty or traveling to or from duty;

7 5-204.1.

8 (a) This section does not apply to:

9 (1) a sale, rental, or transfer:

10 (iii) involving law enforcement personnel of any unit of the federal  
11 government, a member of the armed forces [of the United States], a member of the National  
12 Guard, or law enforcement personnel of the State or any local agency in the State, while  
13 acting in the scope of official duty;

14 5-306.

15 (a) Subject to subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a  
16 permit within a reasonable time to a person who the Secretary finds:

17 (1) (ii) is a person who is a member of [the armed forces of the United  
18 States, the National Guard, or] the uniformed services **OR THE NATIONAL GUARD**;

19 (b) An applicant for a permit is not required to complete a certified firearms  
20 training course under subsection (a) of this section if the applicant:

21 (2) is a member, retired member, or honorably discharged member of the  
22 armed forces [of the United States] or the National Guard;

23 11-105.

24 (c) This section does not apply to the armed forces [of the United States], the  
25 National Guard, the State Guard, or officers or employees of the United States, the State,  
26 or a local subdivision of the State who are authorized to handle explosives in the  
27 performance of their duties.

28 13-205.



1 Subject to the provisions of this title and the regulations governing the armed forces  
2 [of the United States], an individual may be enlisted in the organized militia if the  
3 individual:

- 4 (1) is a citizen of the State or has declared an intention to become a citizen  
5 of the State;
- 6 (2) is able-bodied; and
- 7 (3) has good character and temperate habits.

8 13-215.

9 (a) (1) The Adjutant General may organize a uniformed honor guard from the  
10 National Guard or the organized militia to attend the burial service of a deceased veteran  
11 if:

12 (i) the commander of an accredited veterans' organization or a  
13 relative or friend of the deceased veteran requests an honor guard to attend the burial  
14 service;

15 (ii) a uniformed honor guard from the active [armed forces]  
16 **UNIFORMED SERVICES** or veterans' organization is not available; and

17 (iii) the Adjutant General determines that providing an honor guard  
18 will not harm:

- 19 1. the readiness of the National Guard in the event of a State  
20 or federal emergency; or
- 21 2. the employment of a National Guard member.

22 (2) If an honor guard from the active [armed forces] **UNIFORMED**  
23 **SERVICES** is not available, the Adjutant General may request an honor guard from a  
24 veterans' organization to attend the burial service of a deceased veteran.

25 13-503.

26 (b) An individual may not be commissioned or enlisted in the Maryland Defense  
27 Force if the individual:

- 28 (2) has been dismissed from or received a bad conduct discharge or a  
29 dishonorable discharge, or any discharge other than under honorable conditions, from a  
30 military or naval organization of this State or of another state, or from any of the [United  
31 States armed forces] **UNIFORMED SERVICES** or its auxiliaries, or has been convicted of an

1 offense under the laws of the United States or of any state punishable by imprisonment for  
2 more than 1 year, no matter what punishment was actually imposed; or

3 13–510.

4 (b) (1) Each individual commissioned or appointed as an officer or warrant  
5 officer [shall] **MUST** be:

6 (i) an officer, warrant officer, or enlisted individual of the National  
7 Guard;

8 (ii) a retired or former officer or warrant officer of the [United States  
9 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard] **UNIFORMED**  
10 **SERVICES** or any auxiliary thereof;

11 (iii) an individual with prior ~~enlisted~~ service in the [United States  
12 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard,] **UNIFORMED**  
13 **SERVICES** or [any auxiliary thereof] **A RESERVE COMPONENT**;

14 (iv) a graduate of the United States Military Academy, Naval  
15 Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, [or] Air Force Academy, **OR**  
16 **UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY**;

17 (v) a graduate of a school, college, university, or officers' training  
18 school who received [military] instruction under the supervision of an officer of the [United  
19 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard] **UNIFORMED**  
20 **SERVICES** who certified the graduate's fitness for appointment as a commissioned officer;  
21 or

22 (vi) an individual not otherwise identified in items (i) through (v) of  
23 this paragraph who is specially qualified for service by achievement in any professional,  
24 technical, or public service capacity or otherwise displays extraordinary qualifications for  
25 commissioning as an officer of the Maryland Defense Force.

26 (c) When initially appointed, a general officer or colonel of the organized militia  
27 must:

28 (2) have served in [any component or auxiliary of the United States Army,  
29 Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard or National Guard] **THE**  
30 **UNIFORMED SERVICES OR A RESERVE COMPONENT** with the grade of O–4 or higher.

31 (d) When initially appointed, a lieutenant–colonel or major of the line must have  
32 had service as an officer for at least 2 years in [any component or auxiliary of the United  
33 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard or National  
34 Guard] **THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR A RESERVE COMPONENT**.

1 13-601.

2 (a) (2) The Governor may grant a brevet commission to an officer of the  
3 organized militia of a grade equal to the highest grade in which the officer previously served  
4 in the organized militia or in the [United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force,  
5 Space Force, or Coast Guard] **ARMED FORCES**.

6 13-704.1.

7 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (2) **“ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGED**  
9 **IN MILITARY SERVICE.**

10 (3) **“ELIGIBLE SPOUSE” MEANS THE SPOUSE OF AN ELIGIBLE**  
11 **SERVICE MEMBER.**

12 [(2)] (4) “Military service” means:

13 (i) in the case of [a service member] **AN INDIVIDUAL** who is a  
14 member or reserve member of the [Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or  
15 Coast Guard] **ARMED FORCES**, full-time duty in the active military service [of the United  
16 States], including:

- 17 1. full-time training duty;
- 18 2. annual training duty; and
- 19 3. attendance while at a school designated as a service school  
20 by federal law or by the secretary of the military department concerned;

21 (ii) in the case of a resident of the State who is a member [or reserve  
22 member of the Maryland National Guard, the National Guard of another state, or] **OF** a  
23 reserve component of the [armed forces] **UNIFORMED SERVICES**, service under a call to:

24 1. active service authorized by the President of the United  
25 States [or], the Secretary of Defense, **OR THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN**  
26 **SERVICES** for a period of more than 30 days in response to a national emergency declared  
27 by the President of the United States; or

28 2. active duty for a period of more than 30 consecutive days;

29 (iii) in the case of [a service member] **AN INDIVIDUAL** who is a  
30 commissioned officer of the Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
31 Administration, active service; or

1 (iv) any period during which [a service member] **AN INDIVIDUAL** is  
2 absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave, or other lawful cause.

3 [(3) "Military spouse" means the spouse of a service member.

4 (4) "Service member" means an individual engaged in military service.]

5 (b) This section is intended to supplement rights and protections provided in the  
6 federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq.).

7 (c) (1) In addition to the rights and protections regarding consumer  
8 transactions, contracts, and service providers included in Title III of the federal  
9 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 531 through 538), [a] **AN ELIGIBLE**  
10 service member or [military] **ELIGIBLE** spouse may terminate a contract described in  
11 paragraph (2) of this subsection at any time after the date the **ELIGIBLE** service member  
12 receives [military] **OFFICIAL** orders to relocate for a period of military service of at least  
13 90 days to a location where the **ELIGIBLE** service member would be unable to use the  
14 services under the contract.

15 (2) This section applies to a contract to provide any of the following:

16 (i) telecommunication services;

17 (ii) Internet services;

18 (iii) television services;

19 (iv) athletic club or gym memberships; and

20 (v) satellite radio services.

21 (3) (i) [A] **AN ELIGIBLE** service member or [military] **ELIGIBLE**  
22 spouse may terminate a contract under this section by delivering a written or electronic  
23 notice of the termination and a copy of the **ELIGIBLE** service member's [military]  
24 **OFFICIAL** orders to the service provider.

25 (ii) If [a] **AN ELIGIBLE** service member or [military] **ELIGIBLE**  
26 spouse terminates a contract, the service provider shall provide the **ELIGIBLE** service  
27 member or [military] **ELIGIBLE** spouse with a written or electronic notice of the **ELIGIBLE**  
28 service member's rights posted on the Maryland National Guard's Internet website.

29 (d) (1) If [a] **AN ELIGIBLE** service member or [military] **ELIGIBLE** spouse  
30 terminates or suspends the provision of services under this section and the **ELIGIBLE**  
31 service member is no longer in [active] military service, the **ELIGIBLE** service member or  
32 [military] **ELIGIBLE** spouse may reinstate the provision of service on the same terms and

1 conditions as originally agreed to with the service provider before the termination or  
2 suspension on written notice to the provider that the **ELIGIBLE** service member is no longer  
3 in [active] military service.

4 (2) Written notice under this subsection shall be given within 90 days after  
5 termination of the **ELIGIBLE** service member's [active] military service.

6 (e) [A] **AN ELIGIBLE** service member or [military] **ELIGIBLE** spouse who  
7 terminates, suspends, or reinstates the provision of services under this section:

8 (1) may not be charged a penalty, fee, loss of deposit, or any other  
9 additional cost because of the termination, suspension, or reinstatement; and

10 (2) is not liable for payment for any services after the effective date of the  
11 termination or suspension, until the effective date of any reinstatement of services.

12 13-902.

13 (a) This section does not apply to a member of the [United States Army, Navy,  
14 Air Force, Marines, Space Force, or Coast Guard] **UNIFORMED SERVICES**, the organized  
15 militia of this State or another state, an officer of the Maryland Defense Force, or a member  
16 of associations wholly composed of [soldiers] **SERVICE MEMBERS, AS DEFINED IN §**  
17 **9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**, honorably discharged from the [armed  
18 forces of the United States] **UNIFORMED SERVICES**.

19 13-904.

20 (a) A person who is the owner or who is an agent of the owner of a place of  
21 amusement or recreation open to the public may not refuse admission to an officer or  
22 enlisted individual of the [United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space  
23 Force, or Air Force] **UNIFORMED SERVICES** or the organized militia of this State or of  
24 another state because the officer or enlisted individual is in uniform.

25 13A-101.

26 (a) In this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words have  
27 the meanings indicated.

28 (k) "Judge advocate" means a commissioned officer of the organized state military  
29 forces who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state:

30 (1) (i) certified or designated as a judge advocate in the Judge Advocate  
31 General's Corps of the [Army, Air Force, Navy, Space Force, or the Marine Corps] **ARMED**  
32 **FORCES** or designated as a law specialist as an officer of the Coast Guard, or a reserve  
33 component of one of these; or

1 13A-506.

2 (c) In the instance when a defense counsel is not a member of the bar of the  
3 highest court of the state, the defense counsel shall be deemed admitted pro hac vice,  
4 subject to filing a certificate with the military judge setting forth the qualifications that  
5 counsel is:

6 (1) (i) a commissioned officer of the armed forces [of the United States]  
7 or a component thereof;

8 13A-1009.

9 (a) A member of the State military forces is guilty of desertion if the member:

10 (3) without being regularly separated from one of the State military forces:

11 (i) enlists or accepts an appointment in the same or another one of  
12 the State military forces, or in one of the [armed forces of the United States] **UNIFORMED**  
13 **SERVICES**, without fully disclosing the fact that the member has not been regularly  
14 separated; or

15 13A-1041.

16 (b) The substances referred to in subsection (a) of this section are:

17 (2) any substance not specified in item (1) of this subsection that is listed  
18 on a schedule of controlled substances prescribed by the President for the purposes of the  
19 Uniform Code of Military Justice of the armed forces [of the United States], 10 U.S.C. §  
20 801 et seq.; and

21 13A-1102.

22 (b) The following persons may administer oaths necessary in the performance of  
23 their duties:

24 (6) all other persons designated by regulations of the armed forces [of the  
25 United States] or by statute.

26 14-101.

27 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

28 (d) (2) "Emergency management" does not include the preparation for and  
29 carrying out of functions in an emergency for which [military forces] **THE UNIFORMED**  
30 **SERVICES** are primarily responsible.

**Article – Real Property**

8–212.1.

(a) (1) In this section[, “change] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(2) **“ACTIVE DUTY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(3) **“ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS “SERVICE MEMBER” AS DEFINED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(4) **“CHANGE of assignment” includes:**

[(1)] (I) Permanent change of station orders;

[(2)] (II) Temporary duty orders for a period exceeding 90 days;

[(3)] (III) Orders requiring a person to move into quarters located on a military installation; and

[(4)] (IV) A release from active duty, including:

[(i)] 1. Retirement;

[(ii)] 2. Separation or discharge under honorable conditions; and

[(iii)] 3. Demobilization of an activated [reservist or a member of the National Guard] **MEMBER OF A RESERVE COMPONENT** who was serving on active duty orders for at least 180 consecutive days.

(5) **“RESERVE COMPONENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if [a person who is on active duty with the United States military, or the person’s] **AN ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER OR THE ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER’S spouse**[,] enters into a residential lease of property and the [person] **ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER** subsequently receives a change of assignment, before or after occupying the property, any liability of the [person, or the person’s] **ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER OR THE ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER’S spouse**, for rent under the lease may not exceed:

(1) Any rent or lawful charges then due and payable plus 30 days’ rent after written notice and proof of the change of assignment is given to the landlord; and

1 (2) The cost of repairing damage to the premises caused by an act or  
2 omission of the tenant.

3 **Article – State Government**

4 9–901.

5 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 **(B) “ACTIVE DUTY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 37 U.S.C. § 101.**

7 **(C) “ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS:**

8 **(1) AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES; OR**

9 **(2) SERVING IN A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE UNIFORMED**  
10 **SERVICES ON ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS.**

11 **(D) “ARMED FORCES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 10 U.S.C. § 101.**

12 **[(b)] (E) “Board” means the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Veterans Trust.**

13 **[(c)] (F) “Department” means the Department of Veterans and Military**  
14 **Families.**

15 **(G) “MILITARY FAMILY” INCLUDES THE SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT**  
16 **CHILDREN OF A SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN RELATED BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, OR**  
17 **ADOPTION.**

18 **(H) “RESERVE COMPONENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 37 U.S.C. § 101.**

19 **[(d)] (I) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families.**

20 **(J) “SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF:**

21 **(1) THE UNIFORMED SERVICES; OR**

22 **(2) A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

23 **[(e)] (K) “Trust” means the Maryland Veterans Trust.**

24 **(L) “UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 37 U.S.C. § 101.**



1            **[(f)] (M)**        Except as otherwise provided [in this subtitle], “veteran” [means an  
2 individual who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than  
3 for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable] **HAS**  
4 **THE MEANING STATED IN 38 U.S.C. § 101.**

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.