

Chapter 491

(Senate Bill 150)

AN ACT concerning

Notation of Veteran Status – Public Profiles

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of the Environment, the Department of General Services, and units in the Maryland Department of Labor to include a notation on certain public profiles indicating that an individual is a veteran; and generally relating to the notation of veteran status on public profiles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 2.5–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 1–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–707
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation

2.5–103.

(a) This section applies only to a unit that establishes a process under subsection
(b) of this section.

(b) Each unit may establish a process to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license **OR PUBLIC PROFILE**.

(c) (1) An application for an initial license or renewal license issued by a unit shall allow the applicant to:

(i) request that a notation of the applicant's veteran status be included on the license **OR PUBLIC PROFILE**; and

(ii) provide affirmative consent to being contacted by appropriate Executive Branch agencies regarding the applicant's eligibility for State or federal veterans' benefits.

(2) An applicant for an initial license or a renewal license shall submit to the unit one of the following as certification of veteran status:

(i) a certification of veteran status obtained from the Department of Veterans and Military Families in accordance with § 9-905 of the State Government Article;

(ii) a federal Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214); or

(iii) any other documentation acceptable to the unit.

(d) If an applicant for an initial license or a renewal license submits the documentation required under subsection (c)(2) of this section, the unit shall include a notation of veteran status on the license **OR PUBLIC PROFILE**.

(e) In accordance with §§ 4-304 through 4-325 of the General Provisions Article and any other applicable law, and on request by an Executive Branch agency, a unit shall electronically transmit to the Executive Branch agency appropriate information about each applicant for an initial license or a renewal license who consents to being contacted under subsection (c)(1) of this section.

Article – Environment

1-206.

(a) The Department may establish a process in collaboration with one or more boards under the Department's direction and control that requires a board to include a notation indicating veteran status on a professional license [or], certificate, **OR PUBLIC PROFILE**.

(b) If the Department establishes the process described in subsection (a) of this section, an application for a professional license or certificate shall allow an applicant to:

(1) Present a certification of veteran status obtained from the Department of Veterans and Military Families in accordance with § 9–905 of the State Government Article, a DD Form 214, or other documentation acceptable to the board certifying veteran status; and

(2) Indicate that the applicant consents to:

(i) Having a notation on the applicant’s professional license [or], certificate, **OR PUBLIC PROFILE** indicating that the applicant is a veteran; and

(ii) Being contacted by appropriate Executive Branch agencies regarding the applicant’s eligibility for State or federal veterans benefits.

(c) If an applicant presents the required documentation and consents in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, a board shall:

(1) Include on the applicant’s professional license [or], certificate, **OR PUBLIC PROFILE** a notation indicating that the applicant is a veteran; and

(2) In accordance with §§ 4–304 through 4–325 of the General Provisions Article and any other applicable law, and on request from an Executive Branch agency, electronically transmit to the Executive Branch agency appropriate information about the applicant.

(d) The Department and applicable boards may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

Article – Health Occupations

1–707.

(a) Each health occupations board may establish a process to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, registration, or public profile.

(b) If a health occupations board establishes the process described in subsection (a) of this section, an application for a license, certificate, **OR** registration[, or public profile] shall allow an applicant to:

(1) Present a certification of veteran status obtained from the Department of Veterans and Military Families in accordance with § 9–905 of the State Government Article, a DD Form 214, or other documentation acceptable to the health occupations board certifying veteran status; and

(2) Indicate that the applicant consents to:

(i) Having a notation on the applicant's license, certificate, registration, or public profile indicating that the applicant is a veteran; and

(ii) Being contacted by appropriate Executive Branch agencies regarding the applicant's eligibility for State or federal veterans benefits.

(c) If an applicant presents the required documentation and consents in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, a health occupations board shall:

(1) Include on the applicant's license, certification, registration, or public profile a notation indicating that the applicant is a veteran; and

(2) In accordance with §§ 4–304 through 4–325 of the General Provisions Article and any other applicable law, and on request from an Executive Branch agency, electronically transmit to the Executive Branch agency appropriate information about the applicant.

(d) Each health occupations board may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

Article – State Finance and Procurement

4–211.

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

(2) “Executive agency” means a unit of the Executive Branch of State government.

(3) “Identification card” means a security card issued by the Department to a State employee or other individual authorized by the Secretary, including a contractor, regulated lobbyist, media personnel, local government official, or volunteer.

(b) (1) The Department may include a notation on an identification card **OR PUBLIC PROFILE** indicating that the holder is a veteran if the individual issued the identification card presents a certification of veteran status obtained from the Department of Veterans and Military Families in accordance with § 9–905 of the State Government Article, a DD Form 214, or other documentation acceptable to the Department.

(2) The Department may limit the notation authorized by paragraph (1) of this subsection to a certain category or categories of identification card holders.

(c) (1) If the Department provides an option for a notation on an identification card **OR PUBLIC PROFILE** that indicates that the holder is a veteran, the Department shall include on the application for the identification card the option for the applicant to:

(i) indicate that the applicant is a veteran; and

(ii) consent to being contacted by appropriate executive agencies regarding the individual's eligibility for State or federal veterans' benefits.

(2) (i) In accordance with Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the General Provisions Article and any other applicable law, and on request by an executive agency, the Department shall transmit to the executive agency appropriate information about each identification card holder who has given consent under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection.

(ii) Unless otherwise authorized or required by law, the Department may not transmit information obtained on an application for an identification card that relates to the applicant's status as a veteran unless the applicant has given consent under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection.

(d) The Department may adopt regulations to carry out this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.