

SENATE BILL 57

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Educators – Licenses and Public Profiles – Notation of**
3 **Veteran Status**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Education to establish a process to
5 include a notation indicating veteran status on licenses and public profiles of primary
6 and secondary educators; and generally relating to the licenses and public profiles of
7 primary and secondary educators.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 6–101.2

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **6–101.2.**

17 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO INCLUDE A**
18 **NOTATION INDICATING VETERAN STATUS ON A LICENSE OR PUBLIC PROFILE.**

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 **(B) IF THE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHES THE PROCESS DESCRIBED IN**
2 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE SHALL ALLOW**
3 **AN APPLICANT TO:**

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

9 **(2) INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT CONSENTS TO:**

10 **(I) HAVING A NOTATION ON THE APPLICANT'S LICENSE OR**
11 **PUBLIC PROFILE INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN; AND**

12 **(II) BEING CONTACTED BY APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**
13 **AGENCIES REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL**
14 **VETERANS BENEFITS.**

15 **(C) IF AN APPLICANT PRESENTS THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND**
16 **CONSENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
17 **DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

18 **(1) INCLUDE ON THE APPLICANT'S LICENSE OR PUBLIC PROFILE A**
19 **NOTATION INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN; AND**

20 **(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 4-304 THROUGH 4-325 OF THE**
21 **GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON**
22 **REQUEST FROM AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY, ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO**
23 **THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE**
24 **APPLICANT.**

25 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
26 **SECTION.**

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