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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Notation of Veteran Status – Public Profiles**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Business Regulation
9 Section 2.5–103
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Environment
14 Section 1–206
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Health Occupations
19 Section 1–707
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Finance and Procurement
3 Section 4–211
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Business Regulation**

9 2.5–103.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (iii) any other documentation acceptable to the unit.

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

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

6 Article – Environment

7 1–206.

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

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

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

18 (2) Indicate that the applicant consents to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 Article – Health Occupations

1 1–707.

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

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

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

11 (2) Indicate that the applicant consents to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

27 4–211.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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