

# SENATE BILL 167

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources – Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Public**  
3 **Profiles – Notation of Veteran Status**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to establish a certain  
5 process to include a notation of veteran status on a license, permit, registration, or  
6 public profile; and generally relating to veterans and licenses, permits, registrations,  
7 and public profiles of the Department of Natural Resources.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Natural Resources

10 Section 1–403.2

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2023 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 – Natural Resources**

16 **1–403.2.**

17 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO INCLUDE A**  
18 **NOTATION INDICATING VETERAN STATUS ON A LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION,**

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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 OR PUBLIC PROFILE.

2 (B) IF THE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHES A PROCESS UNDER THIS SECTION,  
3 AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR REGISTRATION SHALL ALLOW THE  
4 APPLICANT TO REQUEST THAT A NOTATION OF THE APPLICANT'S VETERAN STATUS  
5 BE INCLUDED ON THE LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE.

6 (C) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR REGISTRATION WHO  
7 REQUESTS THAT A NOTATION OF THE APPLICANT'S VETERAN STATUS BE INCLUDED  
8 ON THE LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE SHALL:

9 (1) SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

10 (I) A CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN STATUS OBTAINED FROM  
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH §  
12 9-905 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;

13 (II) A FEDERAL CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE  
14 FROM ACTIVE DUTY (DD FORM 214); OR

15 (III) ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION CERTIFYING VETERAN  
16 STATUS ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND

17 (2) INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT CONSENTS TO:

18 (I) HAVING A NOTATION ON THE APPLICANT'S LICENSE,  
19 PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR PUBLIC PROFILE INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS  
20 A VETERAN; AND

21 (II) BEING CONTACTED BY APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
22 AGENCIES REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL  
23 VETERANS' BENEFITS.

24 (D) IF AN APPLICANT SUBMITS THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED UNDER  
25 SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION AND CONSENTS TO BEING CONTACTED UNDER  
26 SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A  
27 NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS ON THE LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR  
28 PUBLIC PROFILE.

29 (E) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 4-304 THROUGH 4-325 OF THE GENERAL  
30 PROVISIONS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON REQUEST BY AN  
31 EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ELECTRONICALLY  
32 TRANSMIT TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION

1 ABOUT EACH LICENSE HOLDER, PERMIT HOLDER, REGISTRANT, OR INDIVIDUAL  
2 WITH A PUBLIC PROFILE WHO HAS CONSENTED TO BEING CONTACTED UNDER  
3 SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (F) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
5 SECTION.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.