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Senate Bill 150 (Senator Simonaire)

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Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

Notation of Veteran Status - Public Profiles

This bill generally expands existing authority related to the indication of veteran status on licenses, certificates, or registrations under the purview of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the Department of General Services (DGS), and each unit in the Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor) by authorizing these entities to also include a notation indicating veteran status on a person's public profile. The bill also makes a technical correction in statutory provisions that similarly authorize health occupations boards to include veteran status on a public profile.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill can be implemented with existing budgeted resources. No impact on revenues.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to have a material effect on local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, MDE, DGS, each unit in MD Labor, and each health occupations board are authorized to establish a process to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, or registration under the entity's purview. Health occupations boards are also authorized to include veteran status on public profiles. If such a process is established, an application for a license, certificate, or registration must allow

an applicant to (1) request that a notation of the applicant's veteran status be included on the applicant's credential and (2) consent to being contacted by appropriate Executive Branch agencies about eligibility for State or federal veterans' benefits. If an applicant submits the appropriate documentation, the State entity must include the notation on the applicant's license, certificate, registration, or public profile (as applicable). Subject to specified provisions of the Maryland Public Information Act and on request by an Executive Branch agency, the State entity must transmit to the agency appropriate information about each applicant who has given consent for contact.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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