



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

*Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy*

January 24, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
Chair, Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Request **FAVORABLE Report** – SB0174 – Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

Dear Chair Beidle and distinguished members of the Finance Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition (MMC), I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0174 – Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact**, sponsored by Senator Joanne C. Benson. This bill would enact the above compact, developed in partnership with the Department of Defense (DoD), the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the Association of Social Work Boards to support the mobility of licensed social workers. This additional licensing pathway will facilitate multistate practice among member states and reduce the barriers to license portability.

By passing SB0174, Maryland can join an active interstate licensure compact that will:

- Eliminate barriers to practice and client care while ensuring public protection.
- Improve access to professional social work services.
- **Support relocating military spouses, a key goal of the MMC.**
- Enhance public safety.

The Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports SB0174** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report from the Finance Committee.

The Maryland Military Coalition is a registered non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization comprised of 22 prominent Maryland-based veteran and military groups. It represents over 150,000 service-connected individuals, including those currently serving, veterans, retirees and their families, caregivers and survivors. Visit our website at <https://mdmilcoalition.org/>.

We want to thank Senator Benson for sponsoring this legislation and supporting the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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Legislative Director



## **Member Organizations of the Maryland Military Coalition**

Air Force Sergeants Association

American Military Society

American Minority Veterans Research Project

Association of the United States Navy

Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service

Disabled American Veterans

Fleet Reserve Association of Annapolis

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A

Maryland Air National Guard Retirees' Association

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Maryland Veterans

Maryland Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Military Officers Association of America

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Military Order of the World Wars

Montford Point Marines of America

National Association of Black Veterans

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Maryland Veterans

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association

NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers

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Reserve Organization of America

Society of Military Widows

Veterans of Foreign Wars