



# Maryland Military Law Package



## Most Comprehensive Overhaul in Modern History

- Over 500 References
- Over 200 Statutes
- Nearly every Article

- Veterans
- Service members
- Reserves
- National Guard



# Bi-Partisan Legislative Package



8 Bill Legislative Package

SB 275 Modernization of Military Laws Act

SB 278 Tax Relief & Pensions Equality

SB 279 Business & Insurance Equality

SB 281 Transportation Equality

for  
Service  
Members Act

SB 277 Health Equality

SB 280 Judicial & Public Safety Equality

SB 282 Recreational Equality

SB 276 Educational Equality

# The Problem: Inconsistent Definitions

**Different** Definitions  
Throughout our Articles  
Example: “**Service Member**”

Health

Education

Labor &  
Employment

Commercial  
Law

Financial  
Institutions

Tax –  
Property

Public  
Safety

# The Problem: Undefined Terms

**Undefined and Inconsistent** Terms  
Throughout our Articles

Veteran

Reserve Component

Armed Forces

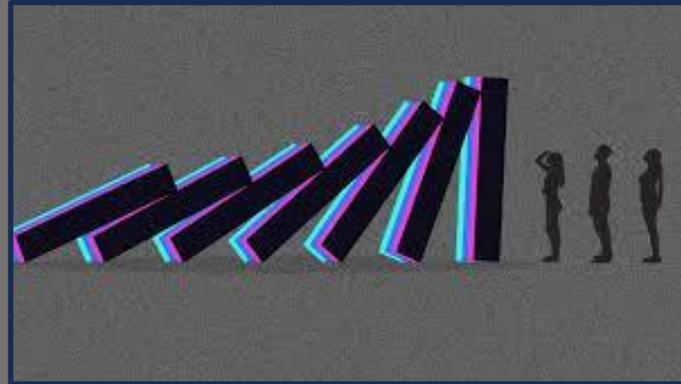


Service Member

Active Duty

Military Families

# The Problem: Inconsistent and Undefined Terms



## Negative Outcomes

1. Inconsistent Laws Create Confusion
2. Inconsistent Benefits Provided to our Service Members
3. A Nightmare to Update Military terms
4. Keeps Maryland Out-of-Sync with Federal Agencies



# SB 275 - Modernization of Military Laws



1. Completely Restructures our Laws  
into 21<sup>st</sup> Century

2. Equal Treatment for all Service Members

3. Authorizes Dept to Support Service Members

## Benefits

- Equal Access to Benefits & Services
- Consistent Treatment for All Members
- Easy Revisions to Future Laws
- Simplify Interaction with Federal Agencies



# 21st Century Maryland Military Laws



Varying  
Definitions

## Standardization

- Consistent Terminology and Laws
- Align with many Federal Definitions

Base Federal Definitions  
Embrace Dept 's Goals

Local  
Definitions

## Centralization

- Terminology Centralized in One Section
- All Articles Reference One Section

1 Centralized Location  
Easy Future Revisions

Military ID  
Military Reserves

## Modernization

- Incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> Century Terminology
- Include All Branches & Reserve Units

Uniformed Services ID  
Reserve Components

# UNIFORMED SERVICES

## Consist of 8 Branches

6 Military Branches

2 Non-Military Branches

### ARMED FORCES

AIR FORCE  
ARMY  
COAST GUARD  
MARINES  
NAVY  
SPACE FORCE

~ 1.3 MILLION ACTIVE DUTY

#### RESERVES

AIR FORCE  
ARMY  
MARINES  
NAVY  
AIR NATIONAL  
GUARD  
ARMY NATIONAL  
GUARD

### PHS

COMMISSIONED  
OFFICER CORPS  
(HQ in Bethesda)

~ 5,300 ACTIVE DUTY

~ 1000 IN MARYLAND

#### RESERVES

PHS READY  
RESERVE

### NOAA

COMMISSIONED  
OFFICER CORPS  
(HQ in Silver Springs)

~ 330 ACTIVE DUTY

~ 85 IN MARYLAND

**PHS** – United States Public Health  
Services

**NOAA** – National Oceanic &  
Atmospheric Administration

# PHS & NOAA

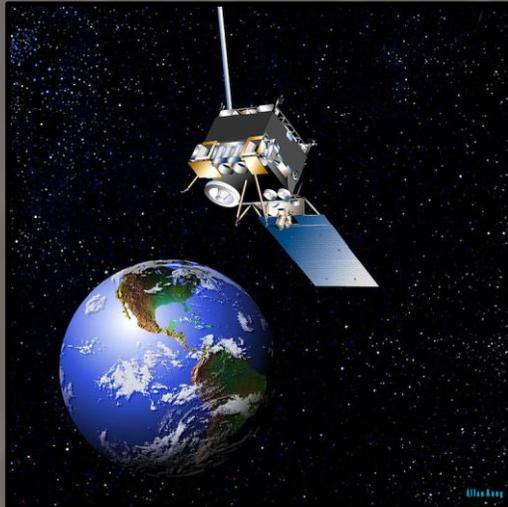
## Serves & Protects our Nation



NOAA – Supported mine sweeping in Gulf.



PHS – Deployed 100s to Iraq & Afghanistan conflict.



NOAA – Coordinates weather satellite data with military operations



PHS – Deployed to Africa fighting Ebola



**COMMISSIONED CORPS** About Us  
OF THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Career Fields

Recruitment Questions

All 8 Branches Protect our County...

... All 8 Branches Deserve Equal Respect & Treatment!





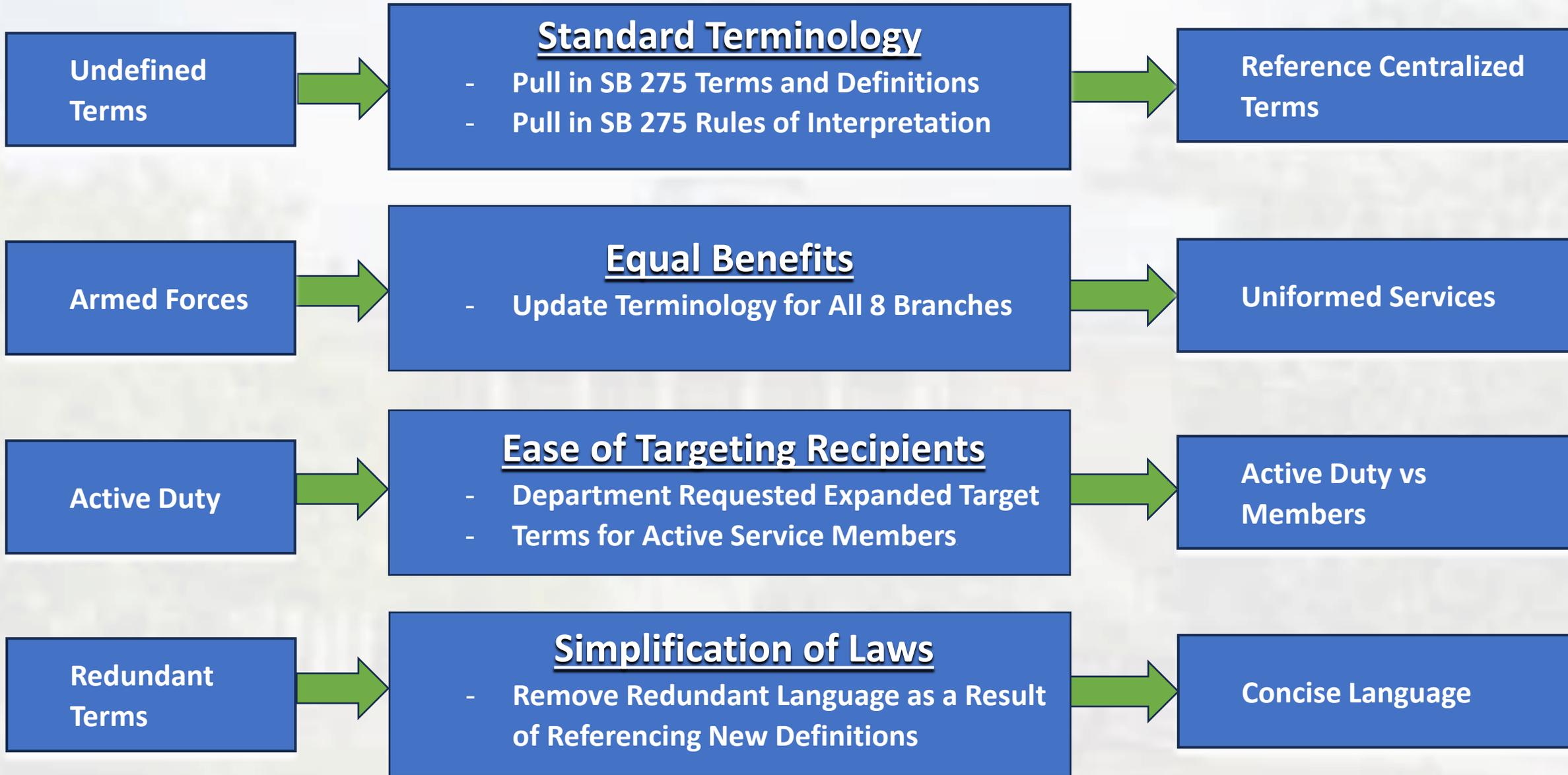
COLLABORATION

## Collaboration and Amendments

- Worked with 12 State Departments
- Worked with Uniformed Services Branches
- Worked with Military Advocacy Groups
- Worked with Military Legal Experts
- Worked with Numerous Stakeholders
  - Worked extensively with DLS
- Amendments – A Few Tweaks to align with goals of Department



# SB 277 – Health Equality for Service Members Act





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Maryland a Model for Other States!

Ask for Favorable Consideration!



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## Support Material



# 38 USC 101



(2) The term "**veteran**" means a person who served in the **active military, naval, air, or space service**, and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable

(24) The term "**active military, naval, air, or space service**" includes-

(A) **active duty**

(B) any period of active duty for training during which the individual concerned was disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty; and

(C) any period of inactive duty training during which the individual concerned was disabled or died-

(i) from an injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty; or

(ii) from an acute myocardial infarction, a cardiac arrest, or a cerebrovascular accident occurring during such training.

(21) The term "**active duty**" means-

(A) full-time duty in the **Armed Forces**, other than active duty for training;

(B) full-time duty (other than for training purposes) as a commissioned officer of the **Regular or Reserve Corps** of the **Public Health Service** (i) on or after July 29, 1945, or (ii) before that date under circumstances affording entitlement to "full military benefits" or (iii) at any time, for the purposes of chapter 13 of this title;

(C) full-time duty as a commissioned officer in the commissioned officer corps of the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration** or its predecessor organization the Coast and Geodetic Survey (i) on or after July 29, 1945, or (ii) before that date (I) while on transfer to one of the Armed Forces, or (II) while, in time of war or national emergency declared by the President, assigned to duty on a project for one of the Armed Forces in an area determined by the Secretary of Defense to be of immediate military hazard, or (III) in the Philippine Islands on December 7, 1941, and continuously in such islands thereafter, or (iii) at any time, for the purposes of chapter 13 of this title;

(D) service as a cadet at the United States Military, Air Force, or Coast Guard Academy, or as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy; and

(E) authorized travel to or from such duty or service.



# General Provisions & State Govt Article



## General Provisions 1-117

With respect to any State program of benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran under this Code, “veteran” includes, ~~if the individual is eligible under 38 U.S.C. § 101, a member of the commissioned corps of:~~

~~(1) the Public Health Service; or~~

~~(2) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or its predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey.~~

**AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE DEFINITION OF “VETERAN” UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

## State Govt 9-901

(f) Except as otherwise provided ~~[in this subtitle]~~, “veteran” means an individual who served on active duty in the ~~[armed forces of the United States]~~, **UNIFORMED SERVICES** other than for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

## State Govt 9-901

(L) **UNIFORMED SERVICES** HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 37 U.S.C. § 101

## 37 USC 101:

(3) The term “uniformed services” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**, and **Public Health Service**.