

SB 67 Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits House Health and Government Operations Committee March 14, 2025 Favorable

Good afternoon, Chair Peña-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee. I am Jim Campbell, state president emeritus of AARP Maryland and a former member of the House of Delegates. On behalf of AARP Maryland and our 850,000 members across the state, I urge a FAVORABLE report on **SB 67 Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits.**

We thank Senators Simonaire and Jackson for sponsoring this bill

What does this bill do?

SB 67 authorizes the health occupations boards to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, or registration and assist in determining eligibility for State and Federal veterans' benefits.

Why is this bill important?

In recognizing sacrifices veterans made for our country. AARP believes we must ensure that our veterans have the most efficient access to the benefits they are entitled to receive. SB 67 will help achieve that goal and we urge a favorable report.

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