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**Statement of the Maryland Federation of
National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee Hearing, February 5, 2026
On SB 150 – Notification of Veteran Status – Public Profiles**

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To: Chair Brian Feldman
Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee

From: Robert Doyle, Chair
State Legislative Committee
NARFE – Maryland Federation

I am pleased to provide our written statement today on behalf of the State Legislative Committee of the National and Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Maryland Federation, representing approximately 317,000 federal annuitants and employees in Maryland. For the continuing benefit of the more than 3100 Maryland NARFE members who are Veterans – and for all Maryland veterans, we support and ask you for a favorable report on SB 150 – Notification of Veteran Status – Public Profiles. We thank Senator Bryan Simonaire for introducing this Bill.

HB 150 will establish the process to authorize the Department of the Environment, the Department of General Services, and units in the Department of Labor to include a notation of

veteran status on public profiles. Basically, the Agency's application for a license, permit, or registration must allow the applicant to request that a notation of the applicant's veteran status be included on the license, permit, registration, or public profile. An applicant requesting this notation must indicate consent to (1) having a notation of veteran status on the applicant's license, permit, registration, or public profile and (2)- very importantly -- being contacted by appropriate Executive Branch agencies about eligibility for State or federal veterans' benefits.

An applicant requesting notation of veteran status must submit (1) a certification of veteran status obtained from the Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMF); (2) a federal certificate of release or discharge from active duty; or (3) any other documentation acceptable to the Agency.

This bill will result in Agency public profiles displaying the status of Veterans as a reminder that they deserve our gratitude and respect for their service. The bill also provides to Veterans a valuable way for them to connect with Federal and State benefits that they have earned through their service to our country.

To help our Maryland Veterans, we support and ask for a favorable Report on SB 150.

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