



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

*Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy*

February 10, 2026

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman  
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Request for **FAVORABLE Report** – SB0301 – Veterans Discount Act

Dear Chair Feldman and distinguished members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition<sup>1</sup> (MMC), I write to request a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0301 – Veterans Discount Act**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill requires State government entities to adopt regulations that provide for granting a waiver of statutory fees for the respective licenses they issue to veterans who apply for them. The bill enables the governing authority of each entity that issues these licenses to decide whether to waive the statutory fee required, in whole or in part, for that veteran either at the time of application or renewal.

This bill, by enabling various State government entities the option to waive their statutory fees for veterans, is similar to what many national retailers, such as The Home Depot, Target, L. L. Bean, Apple, Nike, and Verizon, and local retailers currently do. If enacted, it will be further recognition by the State of Maryland of those who served in uniform and are veterans as stated in § 9-901 of the State Government Article. The MMC firmly believes they deserve this recognition and benefit.

The Maryland Military Coalition strongly supports SB0301 and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report from the Education, Energy, and the Environment 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. For further information, visit our website at <https://mdmilcoalition.org/>.

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<sup>1</sup> See attached list of member organizations.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Dragics". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' and 'L'.

David L. Dragics  
COL (Ret), U.S. Army  
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

Platoon 22

Reserve Organization of America

Society of Military Widows

Veterans of Foreign Wars