



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

*Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy*

January 27, 2026

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

Subject: **Request for FAVORABLE Report** – SB0046 – State Veterans’ Cemeteries – Interment

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 **SB0046 State Veterans’ Cemeteries – Interment**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill will modernize Maryland’s Code with respect to internments at veterans’ cemeteries by providing definitions that are consistent with today’s terminology.

Changes are needed to the current definitions in Maryland statutes and code as outlined below.

- 2024 Maryland Statutes Business Regulation, Title 5 - Subtitle 1 - Section 5-101, Section 5-803
- 2024 Maryland Statutes Health Occupations, Title 7 - Morticians and Funeral Directors, Subtitle 4 – Miscellaneous, Section 7-406 – Cremation.
- Maryland Code, State Government Section 9-901, 9-905, and 9-907.

The Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports SB0046** 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 prominent Maryland-based veteran and military groups, representing over 150,000 service-connected individuals, including those currently serving, veterans, retirees and their families, caregivers, and survivors.

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

Respectfully,

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