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**SB 150 – Notation of Veteran Status – Public Profiles  
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
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FAVORABLE**

Good afternoon, Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 150. My name is Jim Campbell, president emeritus for AARP Maryland, chair of the AARP Maryland Veterans Committee, and a former state delegate.

AARP Maryland represents more than 850,000 members statewide and is the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization advocating for Marylanders age 50 and over and their families. We thank Senator Simonaire for sponsoring this legislation.

AARP has four areas of focus in serving military families, including fighting fraud, helping with career and employment opportunities through the Military Service Job Center, caregiving, and access to benefits.

Senate Bill 150 builds on existing Maryland law by authorizing State agencies and licensing boards to include a voluntary notation of veteran status on public profiles, in addition to licenses, certificates, registrations, or identification cards. This bill provides a consistent and modernized approach to recognizing veterans across multiple State systems.

Importantly, participation under this bill is entirely voluntary and consent-based. Individuals must affirmatively request the veteran status notation and consent to any related information sharing. The bill also maintains strong privacy protections by limiting information sharing to appropriate Executive Branch agencies and only when consent is provided.

By allowing veterans to choose whether to display their status on public profiles, Senate Bill 150 helps connect veterans with potential State and federal benefits while respecting individual privacy and agency flexibility. It also promotes uniformity across departments and professional boards without imposing new mandates. For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report.

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