



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Melissa Wells  
Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
145 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Request for **FAVORABLE Report** – SB0013 – Alcoholic Beverages – License Fee Refund Requirements – Alterations

Dear Chair Wells and distinguished members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition<sup>1</sup> (MMC), I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0013 – Alcoholic Beverages – License Fee Refund Requirements – Alterations**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill expands the refund requirements for certain alcoholic beverages license fees to members of the uniformed services, not just members of the armed forces.

SB0013 will make members of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service, who are license holders under Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis, § 3-108 and § 4-113, eligible for a refund of fees upon the surrender of the license if they either volunteer for or have been called to active duty. This bill is in line with the modernization of military law in the Maryland Code initiated last Session. **The Senate unanimously passed this bill.**

The Maryland Military Coalition **supports SB0013** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report from the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee.

The Maryland Military Coalition is a registered non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization comprised of 21 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/>.

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

Respectfully,

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Legislative Director

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



## **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

Reserve Organization of America

Society of Military Widows

Veterans of Foreign Wars