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SB 150 – Public Profile for Veterans Notations

I am Senator Bryan Simonaire presenting SB 150 - *Public Profile for Veterans Notation Programs*.

This is my last session after 20 years and over the years I have focused on helping our Veterans... and this bill is no different.

Last year the General Assembly passed 4 bills authorizing the inclusion of a ‘*Veteran Notation*’ on professional licenses in the:

- Department of Labor
- Department of Health
- Department of Environment, and
- Department of General Services

And in fact, this year there are 2 more Departments that want to be in this program helping veterans.

The former HGO committee passed two of those programs last year that allowed *veteran notations* on professional licenses, and if the veteran consented, the *Department of Veterans and Military Families* will reach out and share benefits and services available to them.

When the bills were passed last year, there was a late amendment that added ‘*public profile*’ in the *Department of Health* program.

So, this bill does two things:

- 1) Simply updates the other 3 Department *veteran notation program* language to be consistent by allowing ‘*public profiles*’ too, and
- 2) Provides a technical fix to in last year’s amendment by also removing an inadvertent extra reference to ‘*public profile*’ in the Department of Health program.

The bottom line is that this bill makes the veteran's notation programs consistent by allowing them all to use the '*public profile*' to display a veteran notation.

That is the bill and for all these reasons, I ask for your favorable consideration.