



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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January 23, 2026

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

Subject: **Request for FAVORABLE Report** – HB0364 – State Veterans’ Cemeteries – Interment

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

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition¹ (MMC) I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **HB 0364 State Veterans’ Cemeteries – Interment**, sponsored by Delegate Nicholas Kipke. 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 HB0364** 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 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 Delegate Kipke for sponsoring this legislation and supporting the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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¹ See attached list of member organizations.