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### **SB 215 – 2025 Military Revisions**

I am Senator Bryan Simonaire presenting SB 215.

This is a follow up bill from last year's *Modernization of Maryland's Military Laws Act* that I worked with several Departments and military advocates with no opposition.

Last year we passed an 8-bill legislative package to *modernize, standardize and centralize* our Maryland military laws.

The beauty of centralization is that now going forward when there is a change referencing a military term, it can be updated in just one centralized section of law and any and all references to it will be automatically updated. Additionally, centralization brought standardization to our military terms, so instead of different definitions for the same term throughout our articles, are now consistent.

The package passed, but there were other bills in 2025 that also passed and did not have access to these new revisions, as the modernization bills weren't law yet.

Therefore, this bill brings those other military bills from 2025 up to the standards adopted by the *military modernization* legislative package last year.

#### **The bill does 3 main things:**

1. It updates the *State Government* Article's reference to *non-combat medals* on license plates to reflect last year's changes in the *Transportation* Article,

2. It centralizes the definition of “*Military Protective Order*” term into the *State Government* Article instead of multiple local definitions in several Articles; and
3. There were other bills that passed last year without having the modernization updates with some technical fixes as well, so this bill updates those sections to the new standards.

This bill brings our military laws up to the standards adopted last year.

For all these reasons, I ask for your favorable consideration.