



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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

Subject: **Request for FAVORABLE Report** – SB0046 – 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 Coalition (MMC)¹ I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0046 State Veterans’ Cemeteries – Interment**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill will modernize Maryland’s Code with respect to internments at veterans’ cemeteries by providing definitions that are consistent with today’s terminology. **The Senate unanimously passed this bill.**

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 SB0046** 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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¹ 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