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SB 13 – Statewide Alcohol Revisions

I am Senator Bryan Simonaire presenting SB 13.

In the *Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis* Article it refers to allowing alcohol license holders a refund to individuals who surrender their license when they volunteer or get called into the ‘*Armed Forces*’.

This bill simply revises the reference to ‘*Armed Forces*’ members to be the ‘*Uniformed Services*’ members.

It is honorable for men and women to join one of the branches of our Uniformed Services. And as you know, all branches protect us.

For example, every branch of the Uniformed Services participated in the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts.

This is a very simple bill following up on last year’s modernization of our Maryland military laws.

Last year in the *Modernization of Maryland Military Laws Act*, we expanded most references of ‘*Armed Forces*’ to be ‘*Uniformed Services*’ so that we would include all branches in the Uniformed Services.

There were over 500 references updated last year, and a couple that didn’t get updated.

As we all know, license holders can join any branch of Uniformed Services and are not limited to just the Armed Forces.

Therefore, this change is necessary.

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