



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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March 23, 2026

The Honorable Heather Bagnall  
Chair, Health Committee  
240 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Request for **FAVORABLE Report** – SB0083 – Health Occupations – Grounds for Discipline – Federal & Court Actions

Dear Chair Bagnall and distinguished members of the Health Committee,

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition<sup>1</sup> (MMC), I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0083 – Health Occupations – Grounds for Discipline – Federal & Court Actions**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill standardizes the language of the disciplinary statutes within the various career categories that are Maryland-licensed health occupations. These modifications reflect the addition of the uniformed services, the correct naming of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and recognizes the absolute authority of the Board issuing the license derived from state statute. Each licensure Board is obligated to investigate complaints about their licensees and address concerns, when needed, through the discipline process. As with other individuals and organizations, federal agencies are obligated to notify the licensing board with their concerns about problem providers. **SB0083 was passed unanimously by the Senate.**

As this bill provides standardization, improving clarity around responsibilities, the Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports SB0083** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report from the Health Committee.

The Maryland Military Coalition is a registered non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization comprised of 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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Legislative Director

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<sup>1</sup> 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