



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy

March 30, 2026

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

Subject: **Request for FAVORABLE Report** – SB0042 – Reduction Facilities and Veterans Service Organizations - Hydrolyzed and Soil Remains - Immunity

Dear Chair Bagnell and distinguished members of the Health Committee,

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition¹ (MMC) I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0042 Reduction Facilities and Veterans Service Organizations - Hydrolyzed and Soil Remains - Immunity**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill clarifies definitions for Registered Reduction Operator and Cremains or Hydrolyzed or Soil. **The Senate unanimously passed this bill.**

SB0042 follows changes and definitions from two previous Senate bills.

SB0443, introduced February 6, 2015, Changed Maryland code as listed in:

- Business Regulation 18 Section 5–101,
- Business Regulation Section 5–803
- Courts and Judicial Proceedings 7 Section
- Code of Maryland Health Occupations Section 7–101
- Occupations Section 7–406

SB0057 introduced January 8, 2025, Changed Maryland code as listed in:

- Business Regulation Section 5–803
- Health Occupations Section 7–406

Senators Simonaire’s bill compliments SB0443 and SB0057 by adding definitions for Registered Reduction Operator and Cremains or Hydrolyzed or Soil. It’s important to ensure definitions are understood by all, and to absolutely make it very clear that no person, organization, or company should be held liable when acting in good faith relating to the disposition of unclaimed remains of veterans.

¹ See attached list of member organizations.

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The Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports SB0042** 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 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 please visit our [website](#).

We want to thank Senator Simonaire for sponsoring this legislation and supporting the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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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