

# SENATE BILL 152

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By: ~~Senators Manno and Astle~~, **Astle, Benson, Feldman, Hershey, Jennings, Klausmeier, Mathias, Middleton, Oaks, Reilly, and Rosapepe**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment – Hiring and Promotion Preferences – Veterans of**  
3 **Commissioned Corps**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “eligible veteran” to include certain  
5 commissioned corps for the purpose of granting a certain preference in hiring and  
6 promotion to certain veterans, spouses of certain veterans, and surviving spouses of  
7 certain veterans; and generally relating to hiring and promotion preferences for  
8 veterans and their spouses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Labor and Employment  
11 Section 3–714  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Labor and Employment**

17 3–714.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) In this section, “eligible veteran” means a veteran of any branch of the armed  
2 forces of the United States who has received an honorable discharge or a certificate of  
3 satisfactory completion of military service, including:

4 (1) the National Guard [and];

5 (2) the military reserves;

6 (3) **THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE;**  
7 **AND**

8 (4) **THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND**  
9 **ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.**

10 (b) An employer may grant a preference in hiring and promotion to:

11 (1) an eligible veteran;

12 (2) the spouse of an eligible veteran who has a service-connected disability;  
13 or

14 (3) the surviving spouse of a deceased eligible veteran.

15 (c) Granting a preference under subsection (b) of this section does not violate any  
16 State or local equal employment opportunity law.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.