

# HOUSE BILL 167

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By: **Delegate Bagnall**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans  
4 Memorial to study establishing a memorial dedicated to Maryland women veterans;  
5 and generally relating to the Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans  
6 Memorial.

7 Preamble

8 WHEREAS, The women of Maryland have served as members of this nation's armed  
9 forces in every conflict in defense of the U.S.; and

10 WHEREAS, Women veterans of Maryland have served in every area of armed forces  
11 assignment, including the bearing of arms; and

12 WHEREAS, The service provided by women veterans of Maryland is worthy of a  
13 memorialization that properly honors those who willingly place themselves in danger on  
14 behalf of those whom that service protects; and

15 WHEREAS, There is no significant memorial established within Maryland that  
16 honors the service of the women veterans of Maryland; now, therefore,

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
18 That:

19 (a) There is a Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial.

20 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who serves on the Maryland  
2 General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate;

3 (2) one member of the House of Delegates who serves on the Maryland  
4 General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5 (3) the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;

6 (4) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee; and

7 (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor on or before  
8 September 1, 2022:

9 (i) two representatives of the Maryland Veterans Commission; and

10 (ii) four representatives of women's veterans organizations.

11 (c) The members of the Commission shall elect a chair from among the  
12 Commission's members.

13 (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide staff for the Commission.

14 (e) A member of the Commission:

15 (1) may not receive compensation; but

16 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
17 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

18 (f) The Commission shall provide recommendations for the funding, design,  
19 construction, and placement of an appropriate memorial dedicated to Maryland women  
20 veterans.

21 (g) On or before February 1, 2023, the Commission shall submit a preliminary  
22 report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §  
23 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

24 (h) On or before September 30, 2023, the Commission shall submit a final report  
25 on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of  
26 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
28 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024,  
29 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
30 of no further force and effect.