

SENATE BILL 365

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Maryland Veterans Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission by
4 adding a representative of a certain organization; and generally relating to the
5 membership of the Maryland Veterans Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 9–915 and 9–916
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 9–917(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – State Government**

19 9–915.

20 In this Part II of this subtitle, “Commission” means the Maryland Veterans
21 Commission.

22 9–916.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 There is a Maryland Veterans Commission in the Department that shall advise the
2 Secretary of all matters pertaining to veterans issues.

3 9–917.

4 (a) (1) The Commission consists of the following members appointed by the
5 Governor.

6 (2) Of the members:

7 (i) 1 shall be appointed from each of the 8 congressional districts in
8 the State;

9 (ii) 1 shall be a veteran appointed from the State at large;

10 (iii) 1 shall be a woman veteran appointed from the State at large;

11 (iv) 1 shall be a representative of a retired enlisted organization;

12 (v) 1 shall be a veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflict, as defined
13 in § 1–202(a–1) of the Public Safety Article;

14 (vi) 1 shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the
15 Governor by each of the following organizations:

16 1. the American Ex–Prisoners of War, Inc.;

17 2. the American Legion;

18 3. the Amvets;

19 4. the Catholic War Veterans;

20 5. the Disabled American Veterans;

21 6. the Fleet Reserve Association;

22 7. the Jewish War Veterans;

23 8. the Marine Corps League;

24 9. the Maryland Military Officers Association of America;

25 10. the Military Order of the Purple Heart;

26 11. the Polish Legion of American Veterans;

- 1 12. the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- 2 13. the Vietnam Veterans of America;
- 3 14. the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.;
- 4 15. the National Association for Black Veterans; [and]
- 5 16. the Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of
- 6 America; and

7 **17. THE RESERVE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA; AND**

8 (vii) 1 shall be an honorary nonvoting member appointed from a list

9 of individuals submitted to the Governor by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

11 October 1, 2022.