

SENATE BILL 114

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senators Simonaire and Jackson**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Labor – Licenses – Notation of Veteran Status and**
3 **Eligibility for Benefits**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing units in the Maryland Department of Labor to establish a
5 certain process to include a notation of veteran status on an occupational license and
6 assist in determining eligibility for State and federal benefits; and generally relating
7 to occupational and professional licenses and veterans.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – Business Regulation

10 Section 2.5–103 through 2.5–108

11 to be Section 2.5–104 through 2.5–109, respectively

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2024 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Business Regulation

16 Section 2.5–101(a), (b), (e), and (f)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2024 Replacement Volume)

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Business Regulation

21 Section 2.5–103

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2024 Replacement Volume)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
25 That Section(s) 2.5–103 through 2.5–108 of Article – Business Regulation of the Annotated
26 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 2.5–104 through 2.5–109, respectively.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Regulation

2.5–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) “License” means any grant of authority to an individual to practice an occupation or profession.

(2) “License” includes a certificate, permit, or registration.

(e) “Unit” means a unit in the Department that is authorized to issue a license.

(f) “Veteran” means a former service member who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable before the date on which the application for a license is submitted.

2.5–103.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A UNIT THAT ESTABLISHES A PROCESS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) EACH UNIT MAY ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO INCLUDE A NOTATION INDICATING VETERAN STATUS ON A LICENSE AND TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL VETERANS’ BENEFITS.

(C) (1) AN APPLICATION FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE OR RENEWAL LICENSE ISSUED BY A UNIT SHALL ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO:

(I) REQUEST THAT A NOTATION OF THE APPLICANT’S VETERAN STATUS BE INCLUDED ON THE LICENSE; AND

(II) PROVIDE AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT TO BEING CONTACTED BY APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES REGARDING THE APPLICANT’S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL VETERANS’ BENEFITS.

(2) AN APPLICANT FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE OR A RENEWAL LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE UNIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AS CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN STATUS:

1 **(I) A CERTIFICATION OF VETERAN STATUS OBTAINED FROM**
2 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
3 **9-905 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;**

4 **(II) A FEDERAL CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE**
5 **FROM ACTIVE DUTY (DD FORM 214); OR**

6 **(III) ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNIT.**

7 **(D) IF AN APPLICANT FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE OR A RENEWAL LICENSE**
8 **SUBMITS THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS**
9 **SECTION, THE UNIT SHALL INCLUDE A NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS ON THE**
10 **LICENSE.**

11 **(E) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 4-304 THROUGH 4-325 OF THE GENERAL**
12 **PROVISIONS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON REQUEST BY AN**
13 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY, A UNIT SHALL ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO THE**
14 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH**
15 **APPLICANT FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE OR A RENEWAL LICENSE WHO CONSENTS TO**
16 **BEING CONTACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION.**

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2025.