



MSBA Bill Report 1 - Military Law and Veterans' Affairs (2024.01.20)

January 20, 2024

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MD - HB55 Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families to study developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Maryland the best state for veterans and military families, including legislative and budgetary recommendations; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

Cross-filed Bill: SB88

MD - HB63 Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause that was not caused or incurred by misconduct; and altering the criteria for determining the amount of the credit.

Cross-filed Bill: SB6

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[MD - HB125 Courts Military Records Recordation and Inspection](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mike Rogers (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law relating to the recordation and inspection of certain military records kept by the clerk of a circuit court.

Cross-filed Bill: SB159

[MD - HB140 State Personnel - Spouses of Active Duty Service Members - Hiring Preferences](#)

Last Action: First Reading Appropriations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mike Rogers (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 120, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring an appointing authority to apply a credit of ten points on a selection test for specified positions in the State Personnel Management System for the spouse of an active duty service member relocating to the State on military orders; etc.

[MD - HB178 Vehicle Laws - Disabled Veteran Registration Plates - Issuance](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mike Griffith (R)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 250, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain special disabled veteran registration plates to disabled veterans who are between 50% and 99%, inclusive, service-connected disabled as designated or classified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; prohibiting the Administration from charging certain persons the fee required for replacement registration plates under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB55

[MD - HB299 Public Safety - Militia - Active Duty Combat \(Defend the Guard\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 2:30 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting the Governor from ordering the militia or a member of the militia into active duty combat unless the U.S. Congress has passed an official declaration of war or taken a certain official action; and establishing that this prohibition does not limit or prohibit the Governor from deploying the militia or a member of the militia under certain circumstances.

[MD - SB3 Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

(2024.01.20)

Summary:

Requiring health occupations boards to issue an expedited temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; requiring each health occupations board to include a check-off box prominently on each license, certification, or registration application form; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to publish prominently on its website information about the expedited licensing process and any assistance provided; etc.

[MD - SB6 Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause that was not caused or incurred by misconduct; and altering the criteria for determining the amount of the credit.

Cross-filed Bill: HB63

[MD - SB55 Vehicle Laws - Disabled Veteran Registration Plates - Issuance](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

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Summary:

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain special disabled veteran registration plates to disabled veterans who are between 50% and 99%, inclusive, service-connected disabled as designated or classified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; prohibiting the Administration from charging certain persons the fee required for replacement registration plates under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB178

MD - SB88 [Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/18 at 3:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Summary:

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families to study developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Maryland the best state for veterans and military families, including legislative and budgetary recommendations; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

Cross-filed Bill: HB55

MD - SB159 [Courts - Military Records - Recordation and Inspection](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

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Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law relating to the recordation and inspection of certain military records kept by the clerk of a circuit court.

Cross-filed Bill: HB125

MD - SB176 Sales and Use Tax - Tax-Free Day - Veterans' Day

Last Action: Text - First - Sales and Use Tax - Tax-Free Day - Veterans' Day (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing November 11 as a tax-free day each year during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for sales to certain veterans; requiring an individual, in order to qualify for the exemption, to provide the vendor evidence of eligibility for the exemption; and providing that evidence of eligibility may consist of a valid driver's license or government-issued identification card that includes a notation indicating that the individual is a veteran.

MD - SB214 Maryland Military Installation Council - Membership

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

(2024.01.20)

Summary:

Altering the membership of the Maryland Military Installation Council to include the Maryland Secretary of Labor or a designee, the State Superintendent of Schools or a designee, and the President of the Military Alliance Council of Charles County; and increasing the number of members selected by the Governor from 5 to 6 and requiring that at least one is a spouse of a service member.

MD - SB368 State Retirement and Pension System - Military Service Credit - Eligibility

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 9:00 a.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Cosponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 9:00am (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Repealing a limitation for members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive certain service credit for active duty with the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.