

State Legislative Session 2026 - Military & Veteran

Bill/Chapter (Cross Chapter)	Title	Sponsorship Type	Synopsis	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
HB 139	Sales and Use Tax - Tax-Free Day - Veterans' Day	Total of 16 Delegates from Both Parties	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 if the taxable price of the item for sale is less than \$2,000; authorizing the Comptroller, in the Comptroller's sole discretion, to suspend the tax-free day; and requiring an individual, in order to qualify for the exemption, to provide to the vendor evidence of eligibility for the exemption.	2026-03-19 House Third Reading Passed (126-0)	2026-03-20 Referred to Senate Budget and Taxation. <u>Note that maximum is now \$250</u>	
SB 9		Total of 16 Delegates from both Parties		Carry over of SB 528 from prior session	2026-03-05 Senate Third Reading Passed (43-0)	2026-03-16 - Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee
HB 364	State Veterans' Cemeteries - Interment	Del. Nicholaus Kipke [R]	Defining the term "interment location" for the purposes of provisions of law governing the interment of individuals in State veterans' cemeteries; and requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to provide an outer burial receptacle, rather than a grave liner, or a columbarium niche and marker at no cost with each interment location at a State veterans' cemetery.	2026-03-04 House Third Reading Passed (128-0)	2026-03-05 - Referred to Senate Finance Committee	
SB 46		Sen. Bryan Simonaire [R]		2026-02-17 Senate Third Reading Passed (42-0)	2026-02-18 - Referred to House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee	
SB 194	Income and Property Tax Incentives - Members and Veterans of the Space Force Application	Sen. Bryan Simonaire [R] Sen. Jack Bailey [R] Sen. Paul Corderman [R] Sen. Mike McKay [R] Sen. Jim Rosapepe [D] Sen. Johnny Salling [R]	Applying certain provisions of law relating to the job creation tax credit and certain property tax credits and exemptions for certain members, veterans, and surviving spouses of certain members and veterans of the military, naval, or air service to certain members, veterans, and surviving spouses of certain members and veterans of the space force.	2026-02-24 Senate Third Reading Passed (45-0)	2026-03-16 - Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.p in House Ways and Means Committee	
SB 243	Uniformed Services Spouses Act	17 Senators from both parties	Applying certain provisions of law regarding priority registration at public institutions of higher education, resources and support at community colleges, senatorial and Delegate scholarships, and preferences in hiring by the Public Service Commission to the spouses of active service members and veterans; etc.	2026-02-26 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	2026-02-27 - Referred to House Appropriations Committe	
HB 721		45 Delegates form both parties		2026-03-12 House Third Reading Passed (133-0)	2026-03-13 - Referred to Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee	

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SB 142	Maryland Military Department – National Guard – Tuition Assistance	By Request - Departmental	Expanding the institutions to include trade or career schools recognized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission or the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the types of expenses in connection with which tuition assistance may be provided for certain eligible Maryland National Guard service members.	2026-03-05 Senate Third Reading Passed (43-0)	2026-03-06 - Referred to House Appropriations Committee	
HB 232				2026-02-26 House Third Reading Passed (135-1)	2026-02-27 - Referred to Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee	
HB 896	Military Department - National Guard State Active Duty Mobilization Fund	By Request - Departmental	Establishing the National Guard State Active Duty Mobilization Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Military Department to provide funds for State active duty mobilization of the National Guard.	Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. In the House -Government, Labor, and Elections		
SB 128	Maryland Military Department – Supervision of State Active Duty Personnel	By Request - Departmental	Providing for command and control of State active duty personnel during mobilizations of the Maryland National Guard	2026-02-12 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	2026-02-13 House Referred Government, Labor, and Elections	
HB 301				2026-03-04 House Third Reading Passed (128-0)	2026-03-05 Senate Referred Education, Energy, and the Environment	
SB 242	Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act	Senators Simonaire, Brooks, Carozza, Ellis, Gallion, Gile, Smith, West, and Watson	Authorizing active service members and spouses, under certain circumstances, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another jurisdiction; and altering the definition of "eligible veteran" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing occupational or professional licensing processes to include former service members who have been discharged for more than 1 year before an application for a license, certificate, or registration is submitted.	2026-02-24 Senate Third Reading Passed (45-0)	2026-03-20 - Referred to House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee	
HB 420		Delegates Rogers, Allen, Chisholm, Crutchfield, Hinebaugh, Kipke, Nkongolo, Odom, Phillips, and Sample-Hughes		In the House - Reassigned to Government, Labor, and Elections and Health	2026-02-03 House Reassigned to Government, Labor, and Elections Health	
HB 644	Property Tax - Exemption for Dwellings of Surviving Spouses of Disabled Veterans - Application	Delegates D. Jones, Arentz, Griffith, Hornberger, A. Johnson, Reilly, Rogers, and Schmidt	Altering the application requirements for a certain property tax exemption for a dwelling house owned by the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran.	Previously submitted as HB0443 in 2023	2026-02-03 - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee	

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SB 227	Motor Vehicles – Parking – Disabled Veteran Special Registration Plates	Senator Ellis	Prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, a regulation, or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor vehicle in an on-street parking space served by a meter if the vehicle has disabled veteran special registration plates; and prohibiting a State agency from adopting or enforcing a regulation or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor vehicle in a parking lot owned or controlled by the agency if the vehicle has disabled veteran special registration plates.	In the Senate judicial Proceedings - Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.		
SB 150	Notation of Veteran Status - Public Profiles	Sen. Bryan Simonaire [R]	Authorizing the Department of the Environment, the Department of General Services, and units in the Maryland Department of Labor to include a notation on public profiles of licensees, certificate holders, and security identification card holders indicating that the individual is a veteran.	2026-03-05 Senate Third Reading Passed (43-0)	Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m. in House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee	
HB 1611	Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses - Income Eligibility	14 Representatives from both parties	Repealing a certain income limitation used to establish eligibility for a property tax credit against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling house of a certain disabled veteran or surviving spouse and instead authorizing the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to establish eligibility criteria that limits the property tax credit based on a disabled veteran's federal adjusted gross income; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.	2026-03-21 House Second Reading Passed with Amendments	026-03-23 - Referred to Senate Budget and Taxation Committee	
SB 980	Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses - Alterations	Sen. Johnny Salling [R]	Altering a certain income limitation and certain disability rating percentages used to establish eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.	2026-03-20 Senate Second Reading Passed with Amendments	Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 to House Ways and Means Committee	

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HB 270	Military Family Inclusion Act	House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee	Altering the membership of the Maryland Trust Fund Board of Trustees, the Maryland Veterans Commission, the Maryland Commission on Caregiving, and the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.	2026-03-04 House Third Reading Passed (129-0)	2026-03-05 - Referred Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee	
SB 192				2026-02-12 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	2026-02-03- Referred to House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee	
HB 677	Reduction Facilities and Veterans Service Organizations - Hydrolyzed and Soil Remains - Immunity	Delegates LaToya Nkongolo [R] Steven Arentz [R] Michael Griffith [R] Darrell Odom [D] Del. Mike Rogers [D] Del. Stuart Schmidt Del. Gary Simmons	Providing that a registered reduction operator is not civilly liable for transferring and a veterans service organization is not civilly liable for receiving unclaimed hydrolyzed or soil remains of a veteran or an eligible dependent of a veteran for the purposes of disposition if acting in good faith; etc.	2026-03-04 House Third Reading Passed (128-0)	2026-03-05 - Referred to Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee	
SB 42		Sen. Bryan Simonaire [R]		2026-03-19 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	Hearing 4/01 at 1:00 p.m. in House Health Committee	
SB 167	Department of Natural Resources - Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Public Profiles - Notation of Veteran Status	Senators . Bryan Simonaire [R], Benjamin Brooks [D] Kevin Harris [D] Katie Hester [D]	Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to establish a certain process to include a notation of veteran status on a license, permit, registration, or public profile.	2026-02-12 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	2026-02-13 House Referred Environment and Transportation	
HB 1482	Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses - Revisions	Delegates: Steven Arentz [R] Kevin Hornberger [R] Seth Howard [R] Susan McComas [R] April Fleming Miller R [LaToya Nkongolo [R] Teresa Reilly [R] April Rose [R]	Requiring, rather than authorizing, the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and altering the amount of the property tax credit.	Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee		
SB 96	Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans - Terminology - Active Service Members	Sen. Bryan Simonaire [R]	Altering certain terminology used in the Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans that refers to active service members to refer to service members.	2026-02-12 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m. in House Health Committee	

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SB 161	Natural Resources - State Park Entry Fee - Exemptions	Senators Bryan Simonaire [R] Dalya Attar [D] Benjamin Brooks [D] Mary Carozza [R] Brian Feldman [D] Kevin Harris [D] Katie Hester [D]	Altering the individuals and vehicles that may enter a State park without paying a certain fee on presentation of a valid veteran identification card, a driver's license or other State-issued license or identification card that indicates the holder is a veteran, or any other form of identification that establishes the holder's veteran status or former Maryland National Guard status.	2026-02-12 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	2026-02-13 - Referred to House Environment and Transportation	
SB 57	Primary and Secondary Educators - Licenses and Public Profiles - Notation of Veteran Status	Sen. Bryan Simonaire [R]	Authorizing the Department of Education to establish a process to include a notation indicating veteran status on licenses and public profiles of primary and secondary educators; etc.	2026-03-12 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	2026-03-13 House Referred Ways and Means	Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee
SB 37	Maryland Service Animal Programs - Participant Disqualification - Revisions	Sen. Bryan Simonaire [R]	Revising provisions related to the disqualification of a program participant from the Maryland Children's Service Animal Program, the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program, or the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program; providing that a nonprofit training entity may disqualify a Program participant if the training entity determines the participant's involvement presents a direct threat to others; etc.	2026-02-19 Senate Third Reading Passed (42-0)	2026-02-20 Referred to House Health Committee	Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m. in House Health Committee
SB 7	Higher Education - Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship - Repeal of Termination Date	Total of 47 Senators fromn both parties	Repealing the prohibition on awarding the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship after June 30, 2030; and repealing the limitation on renewing the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship if the scholarship recipient received an initial scholarship before June 30, 2030.	2026-03-20 Senate Third Reading Passed (42-0)	2026-03-21 Referred to House Appropriations Committee	
HB 720		Total of 41 Delegates from both parties		2026-03-11 House Third Reading Passed (135-0)	2026-03-12 Referred to Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee	
HB 842	Property Tax Credit - Surviving Spouse of Military Service Member	Total of 26 Delegates from both Parties	Repealing a requirement that a dwelling house of a surviving spouse of a service member who died in the line of duty be acquired within 2 years of the service member's death to qualify for a real property tax exemption.	2026-03-20 House Third Reading Passed (127-0)	2026-03-23 - Referred to Senate Budget and Taxation Committee	
HB 1177	Small Business Reserve Program - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises - Outreach	Delegates Sean Stinnett [D] Aaron Kaufman [D] Gary Simmons [D] Greg Wims [D] Jamila Woods [D]	Requiring the State certification agency, in consultation with the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, the Military Department, and the Department of Veterans and Military Families to develop an outreach program to increase the participation in the small business reserve program by veteran-owned small business enterprises.	Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee		

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SB 76	Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C (Veterans' Organization) Licenses - Membership	Senators Bryan Simonaire [R] Dawn Gile [D] Shaneka Henson [D] Clarence Lam [D]	Altering membership criteria for a Class C (veterans' organization) alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County by including certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service and repealing a requirement that members of the veterans' organization served in a war; etc. - Complies with "Uniform Services' definition	2026-03-05 Senate Third Reading Passed (43-0)	2026-03-06 - Referred to House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee	
HB 727		Total of 11 Delegates from both Parties		2026-03-21 House Third Reading Passed (126-0)		2026-03-23 - Referred to Senate Finance Committee
HB 844	Motor Vehicle Registration - Fee Exemption - Unemployable Disabled Veterans	Total of 20 Delegates from both Parties	Establishing that not more than one vehicle owned by, or leased to, an unemployable disabled veteran is exempt from vehicle registration fees.	Carry over of HB 248 from previous session	2026-03-19 House Third Reading Passed (130-0)	Hearing 4/01 at 1:00 p.m. in Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
SB 301	Veterans' Discounts Act	Total of 11 Senators from both Political Parties	Authorizing certain governmental entities to waive certain fees imposed by statute for veterans; and requiring certain governmental entities to adopt regulations before waiving certain fees imposed by statute for veterans.	2026-03-19 Senate Third Reading Passed (45-0)	2026-03-20 Referred to House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee	
HB 1594		Del. Nicholas Kipke [R]		2026-02-15 House First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations		
HB 151	Sales and Use Tax - Distribution of Cannabis Sales Tax Revenue - Maryland Veterans Trust Fund	Del. Joe Vogel [D]	Requiring 3% of the sales and use tax revenue collected from the sale of cannabis to be distributed to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.	Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee		
SB 925		Sen. Kevin Harris [D]		Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. in Senate Budget and Taxation Committee		
SB 215	Veterans and Uniformed Services - Maryland Veterans Trust Fund and Application of Laws	Sen. Bryan Simonaire [R]	Altering the application of certain provisions of law governing local government personnel, trout stamps, and landlord remedies to apply to all uniformed services; and altering the composition of the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.	2026-03-12 Senate Third Reading Passed (44-0)	Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m. House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee	

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HB 1390	Public Schools - Veterans' Day - Excused Student Absence	Total of 17 Delegates from both parties	Requiring public schools to excuse any student's absence from school for observance of Veterans' Day.	Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee		
SB 242	Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act	Total of 9 senators from both parties	Authorizing active service members and spouses, under certain circumstances, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another jurisdiction; and altering the definition of "eligible veteran" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing occupational or professional licensing processes to include former service members who have been discharged for more than 1 year before an application for a license, certificate, or registration is submitted.	2026-03-19 Senate Third Reading Passed (45-0)	2026-03-20 - Referred House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee	
HB 420		Total of 10 Senators from both parties		2026-02-03 House Reassigned to Government, Labor, and Elections Health Committee		
HB 789	Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Military Service Credit Eligibility - Helicopter Pilots	Delegates Catherine Forbes [D] Michael Griffith [R]	Authorizing certain members and former members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System to receive credit for certain military service if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; and prohibiting an individual from receiving credit more than one time.	2026-03-20 House Second Reading Passed with Amendments	2026-03-23 - Referred to Senate Budget and Taxation Committee	
SB 491		Sen. Johnny Salling [R]		2026-03-20 Senate Third Reading Passed (42-0)		
HB 761	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Military Retirement Income (Keep Our Heroes Home Act)	Toal of 21 Delegates from both parties	Increasing to \$40,000 over a 2-year period the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain military retirement income received by an individual, regardless of age, during a taxable year for certain military service.	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee		

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HB 430	Family Child Care Providers - Reserve Component Members - Substitute Provider	Total of 12 Delegates from both parties	Requiring a family child care provider who is a member of the National Guard or military reserves to designate a substitute to provide family child care for not more than 45 working days in any 12-month period while the family child care provider is absent for required training and active service.	2026-03-06 House Third Reading Passed (119-0)	Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m. in Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee	
SB 183	Public Safety - Maryland Cyber Reserve - Established	Sen. Katie Hester [D]	Establishing the Maryland Cyber Reserve within the Military Department; providing the purpose of the Maryland Cyber Reserve is to provide educational and technical support to prevent and resolve attacks against State, county, and local government agencies, and critical infrastructure within the State; etc.	Hearing 2/12 at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee		
HB 102	Education - Dependent Children of Active Service Members - Advance Enrollment Procedures	Del. Edith Patterson [D]	Requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a certain dependent child of an active service member to advance enroll in a school in the county in a certain manner; requiring the remote registration process to provide an opportunity for the service member or other parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability to note whether the child has an individualized education program or a 504 plan in the sending state; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to publish information on advance enrollment.	2026-02-26 House Third Reading Passed (136-0)	2026-02-27 <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment	
SB 263		Total of 10 Senators from both parties		2026-03-12 Senate Third Reading Passed (45-0)	Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee	
HB 857	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Military Retirement Income - Individuals Under the Age of 55	Total of 25 Delegates representing both parties	Increasing, from \$12,500 to \$20,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for military retirement income for individuals who are under the age of 55 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.	Carry over from prior session of HB 800	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee	
HB 977	Veterans Benefits Matters - Claim Servicers - Requirements	Del. Nick Allen [D]	Requiring a person that is not V.A. accredited that is seeking compensation for certain services related to veterans benefits matters to enter into a certain written fee agreement with the recipient of the services that complies with certain laws; requiring the fee agreement to contain a certain notice; requiring a certain notice to be given orally and acknowledged in writing; prohibiting the imposition or collection of a certain fee under certain circumstances; etc.	Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. in House Economic Matters Committee	2026-03-16 - Withdrawn by Sponsor	

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SB 238	School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact	Sen. Malcolm Augustine [D]	Entering into the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing licensed school psychologists who hold multistate licenses to provide school psychological services in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission; providing for the withdrawal from the Compact; etc.	2026-03-05 Senate Third Reading Passed (43-0)	Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee	
HB 888	Washington County - Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans - Eligibility	No sponsor information available at this time.	Expanding eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Washington County for certain disabled veterans to include certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service.	Carry over of HB 1333 from last session	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. in House Ways and Means Committee	
SB 500		Senate Washington County Senators Committee		2026-02-10 Senate Hearing canceled		