

Bills Passed Legislative Season 2020

Legislative Category		Bill	Title	Sponsor	Description	Other
Currently Serving		HB0133	Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Deployed Military Personnel - Exemption	Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee	Exempts a military owner from mandatory vehicle emissions inspections if on orders to deploy OCONUS or to a duty station that does not have an emissions control and inspection program. (Change from every 2 year inspection).	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: October 1, 2020 Historically asked for by 300 military
		HB0503 (SB0391)	Primary and Secondary Schools - Dependent Children of Service Members - Enrollment and Documentation Requirements	Del. Valentino-Smith (D) Sen. Peters (D)	Requires a local superintendent to allow a dependent child of an active duty service or National Guard member who is relocating to the State on military orders to apply for enrollment in a public school.	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: July 1, 2000
		HB0506 (SB0458)	Higher Education - Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Military Personnel, Spouses, and Dependents - Alterations	Del. Valentino-Smith (D) Sen. Elfreth (D)	Expands conditions under which a spouse or family member of active duty is eligible for resident (in-state) tuition. Allows the family member to retain resident status if the family member is accepted and maintains continuous enrollment after the service member moves.	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: July 1, 2020
	National Guard	HB0362 (SB0282)	Maryland National Guard - Tuition Assistance Program - Modifications	Speaker	Increases from 50% to 100% the percentage of tuition that can be reimbursed at in-state rates to an eligible member of the Maryland National Guard . (Changes from 50% and terms "is authorized" to "may reimburse").	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: July 1, 2020 ~6,000 Maryland Army and Air National Guard members

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Both Currently Serving and Veterans	HB0349 (SB0280)	Occupational and Professional Licensing - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Revisions to Reciprocity Requirements	Speaker	Alters the eligibility requirements for a service member, veteran, or military spouse to apply for an expedited occupational or professional license from the Maryland Department of Labor with proof of licensure in good standing from another state held for 1 year.	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: July 1, 2020
	SB0294 (HB0593)	Veterans Education Protection Act (Higher Education=Annual Revenues for For-Profit Institutions Also known as 90/10	Sen. Ellis (D) Del. P. Young (D)	Prohibits specified for-profit institutions of higher education and private career schools from enrolling new Maryland residents in an on-line program if they fail to have at least 10% of their annual revenue, as specified, from a source other than federal funds, including education aid (civilian or military), or institutional debt. (Changes revenue cap to include federal tuition benefits for active duty, veterans and their families. Intended to prevent institutions from targeting them).	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: July 1, 2020 Maryland is the first state to pass this legislation.

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Veterans	Expand Full Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans	HB0257 (SB0417)	Property Tax – Credit for Disabled Veterans	Del. Crosby (D) Sen. Salling (R)	Authorizes local governments to grant a property tax credit for the dwelling house of disabled veterans with a service-connected disability rating of at least 50%; or their surviving spouse. (Provides partial credit for veterans with disabilities rated 50-99%).	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: June 1, 2020 Potentially eligible 28,000 Veterans
		HB0766 (SB0700)	Property Tax Credit – Disabled Active Service Members & Surviving Spouses	Del. Kaiser (D) Sen. Waldstreicher (D)	Expands eligibility for certain credits authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax to include certain active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States and certain surviving spouses. (Alters eligibility criteria of local option property tax credit from elderly and veterans).	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective October 1, 2020. Applies to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2020 Potentially 18,650 individuals could qualify for this credit
	All Veteran Benefits Extend to all Eight Uniformed Services	HB0012 (SB0341)	Department of Veterans Affairs - Homes for Veterans - Veterans of Uniformed Service	Del. Rogers (D) Sen. Griffith (D)	Alters the eligibility for a certain veteran to reside at a home for veterans to include a veteran who has an honorable discharge from active service with a uniformed service of the United States. (Change from Armed Forces).	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: July 1, 2020 Expected to affect a limited number of eligible individuals
	Recreational Licenses	HB0236 SB0025	Hunting and Fishing Licenses - Active Military, Former Prisoners of War, Recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and Disabled Veterans	Del. Carey (D) Sen. Simonaire (R)	Extends complimentary fishing and hunting licenses to former prisoners of war or 100% service-connected disability. Provides discounted licenses to Purple Heart recipients. (Makes permanent provisions of Chapter 463 of 2017 and removes a DNR reporting requirement).	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: June 1, 2020 ~10,000 veterans
		SB0142	Natural Resources - Recreational License Donation Program and Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund - Revisions	Sen. Simonaire (R)	Requires the Department of Natural Resources to establish a process for an individual purchasing certain licenses and stamps to make a voluntary monetary donation to the Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund ; requiring the Department to collect donations and deposit them into the Fund; authorizing the Chesapeake Bay Trust to make grants to eligible sponsor organizations that provide opportunities to benefit veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States.	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: June 1, 2020

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Honoring Veterans, Service Members and their Families	SB0366 (HB0570)	Carroll County - Education – Recognition Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructors	Sen. Ready (R) Carroll County Delegation	Includes Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructors in Carroll County in the definition of certificated public school employees for collective bargaining purposes.	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: June 1, 2020
	HB0596	Veterans of the Afghanistan/Iraq Conflicts Scholarships	Del P. Young (D)	Allows initial scholarships under the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarships to continue to be awarded for another ten years (June 30, 2030); thereafter, existing scholarships may be renewed.	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: July 1, 2020
	HB0646	Special Plates for Veterans - Fees	Del P. Young (D)	Requires that MVA charge an additional fee for special plates for individually earned, combat-related armed forces medals and that the fee (\$10) be credited to the MD Veterans Trust Fund .	<u>Fiscal Note</u> Effective: July 1, 2020 Estimated Trust Fund revenue ~\$22,500 FY2021 and ~\$10,000 each year after

