



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

*Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy*

# 2024 Legislative Gains

48 bills passed including 2 of our 4 Coalition Priorities ✓ Denotes a Coalition Priority

## Currently Serving (5)

### License Portability

- SB 027/ HB 383 Cosmetology Licensure Compact
- SB 221/ HB 146 Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification
- SB 330/ HB 378 State Board of Dietetic Practice – Licensure Requirements
- SB 409/ HB 628 Health Occupations – Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists Reciprocal Licensure Requirements

### Spousal Hiring Preference

- ✓ SB 478/ HB 604 Families Serve Act of 2024 – Expands priority hiring to eligible spouse of currently serving and veteran Uniformed Services members

## Honoring Veterans and Their Families (1)

- ✓ SB 006/ HB 063 Property Tax – Disabled Veterans – Alterations – Expand credit to severely disabled who are not “permanent”

## Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (2)

- SB 974/ HB 933 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services – 9-8-8 Trust Fund Fees
- SB 615 Commemorative Days – Maryland Veteran Suicide Prevention Day

## Other Bills of Interest

- SB 368 State Retirement and Pension Systems – Military Service Credit – Eligibility (expands credit to US Public Health and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps)
- SB 477 / HB 580 Time to Serve Act of 2024 – Increases “military” leave for state employees who are reservists
- SB 697/ HB 1504 Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program – increases the Tricare Reserve Select and Tricare Dental reimbursement to include immediate family

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