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By: **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**  
Requested by: Chair on behalf of WSSC

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Hiring and Promotion**  
3 **Preferences – Veterans and Their Spouses**

4 **PG/MC 106–22**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to grant  
6 a preference in hiring and promotion to certain veterans, spouses of certain veterans,  
7 and surviving spouses of certain veterans; providing that granting a preference  
8 under this Act does not violate State or local equal employment opportunity laws;  
9 and generally relating to hiring and promotion preferences for veterans and their  
10 spouses.

11 BY repealing

12 Article – Public Utilities  
13 Section 18–111  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Public Utilities  
18 Section 18–111  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
3 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article – Public Utilities**

5 [18–111.

6 On all competitive selection processes for appointment, an honorably discharged  
7 veteran of the United States armed forces who was a bona fide resident of the State when  
8 the veteran entered the United States armed forces shall receive a credit of 5%.]

9 **18–111.**

10 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ELIGIBLE VETERAN” MEANS A VETERAN OF ANY**  
11 **BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS RECEIVED AN**  
12 **HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR A CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF**  
13 **MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING:**

14 **(1) THE NATIONAL GUARD;**

15 **(2) THE MILITARY RESERVES;**

16 **(3) THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE;**

17 **AND**

18 **(4) THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND**  
19 **ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.**

20 **(B) THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT A PREFERENCE IN HIRING AND**  
21 **PROMOTION TO:**

22 **(1) AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN;**

23 **(2) THE SPOUSE OF AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN WHO HAS A**  
24 **SERVICE–CONNECTED DISABILITY; OR**

1                   **(3) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED ELIGIBLE VETERAN.**

2           **(C) GRANTING A PREFERENCE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**  
3 **DOES NOT VIOLATE ANY STATE OR LOCAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LAW.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2022.