

THE PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND VETERANS' HOME COMMISSION IS DECLARED TO BE OF GENERAL BENEFIT TO THE VETERANS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND. THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND IF NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUBJECT TO TERMINATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEN AND IF ITS SUBSTANTIAL PURPOSE CEASES. THE VETERANS' HOME ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE OPERATED UNDER THE CONTROL, SUPERVISION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS IT PRESCRIBES.

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(A) [[THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF]] THE MARYLAND VETERANS' HOME COMMISSION SHALL [[VEST IN AND BE EXERCISED BY A BOARD]] CONSIST OF 12 TRUSTEES, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A PERSON WHO IS CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARYLAND VETERANS' COMMISSION. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ELEVEN OF THE TRUSTEES SHALL BE APPOINTED INITIALLY BY THE GOVERNOR, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE AS FOLLOWS: THREE MEMBERS FOR TERMS OF ONE YEAR EACH; THREE MEMBERS FOR TERMS OF TWO YEARS EACH; THREE MEMBERS FOR TERMS OF THREE YEARS EACH; AND TWO MEMBERS FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS EACH. AS THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED TRUSTEES EXPIRE, THEIR SUCCESSORS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS EACH, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(B) IF A TRUSTEE FOR ANY REASON FAILS TO SERVE OR TO COMPLETE ANY TERM, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TO THE TRUSTEE TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM. THE TRUSTEES SHALL BE SELECTED SO AS TO OBTAIN A BROAD DISTRIBUTION BOTH FROM AMONG VETERANS AND VETERANS' GROUPS AND FROM A BROAD GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE STATE SO FAR AS IS PRACTICABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION.

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THE TRUSTEES SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

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(A) THE TRUSTEES HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES,

[[(B) TO RECEIVE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AS ARE PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.