

# HOUSE BILL 181

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Military)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Military Department – Chief of Staff and Aides – Appointment Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Adjutant General instead of the Governor to appoint  
4 certain staff in the Military Department; establishing that certain staff in the  
5 Military Department serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General instead of the  
6 Governor; and generally relating to the appointment of staff of the Military  
7 Department.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Public Safety  
10 Section 13–306  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 13–306.

17 (a) Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted individuals who are full-time  
18 employees of the Department are in State active duty status.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) (1) The [Governor] **ADJUTANT GENERAL** may appoint a chief of staff and  
2 aides.

3 (2) The chief of staff and aides serve at the pleasure of the [Governor]  
4 **ADJUTANT GENERAL**.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.