

# HOUSE BILL 1482

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Military Department – Study on Assisting Active Duty Service Members With**  
3 **State Law and Regulatory Compliance**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Military Department to study and make  
5 recommendations regarding State laws and regulations that unnecessarily burden  
6 active duty service members and regarding the establishment of a program to  
7 provide assistance to active duty service members seeking to comply with State laws  
8 and regulations; requiring the Department to conduct the study and make  
9 recommendations according to certain criteria; requiring the Department to report  
10 its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or  
11 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating  
12 to a study on assisting active duty service members with State law and regulatory  
13 compliance.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That:

16 (a) In this section, “active duty service member” means an individual in the active  
17 uniformed service of the United States, including a member of the National Guard and  
18 Reserve, who is:

19 (1) a Maryland resident; and

20 (2) stationed outside the State.

21 (b) The Military Department shall study and make recommendations regarding:

22 (1) State laws and regulations that unnecessarily burden active duty  
23 service members; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) establishing a program to provide assistance to active duty service members seeking to comply with State laws and regulations.

(c) In conducting the study and making recommendations, the Department shall:

(1) analyze State laws and regulations that may unnecessarily burden active duty service members;

(2) in order to ease the burden of active duty status and maintain an active duty service member's compliance with State laws and regulations, identify State laws and regulations:

(i) that may be amended in a manner that maintains the purpose of the law or regulation; and

(ii) for which a waiver could be offered to active duty service members;

(3) evaluate the feasibility of implementing a program to assist active duty service members seeking to comply with State laws and regulations; and

(4) solicit input from appropriate parties, including active duty service members.

(d) On or before December 1, 2020, the Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.