

## **May 20, 2010 Bill Signing Veterans Legislation**

**The O'Malley-Brown Administration's new Veterans legislation impacts Maryland as follows:**

### **SB 171/HB359: Procurement - Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation**

This bill establishes a procurement preference program in which, beginning July 1, 2012, each State agency tries to award 0.5% of the value of its procurement contracts to small businesses owned and operated by veterans. To participate in the program, veteran-owned businesses must be verified by the Center for Veterans' Enterprise within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Senator Peters, et al.  
Delegate James, et al.

### **SB 237/HB203: Sales and Use Tax - Exemptions - Veterans' Organizations**

This bill exempts sales made to veterans' organizations that are organized under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) from the State sales and use tax. The bill applies to veterans' organizations that have not previously reclassified under § 501(c)(19) of the IRC, such as the Jewish War Veterans and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Senator Zirkin, et al.  
Delegate Hubbard, et al.

### **SB 1033/HB1353: Veterans Affairs - Military Health Care Provider Transition Plan**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to develop a Military Health Care Provider Transition Plan to increase the number of veterans, including current and former members of the Reserve forces and National Guard, with expertise in health care workforce shortage areas to transition into civilian health care provider positions.

DVA must submit an interim report of its findings to the Governor by December 1, 2010; complete the transition plan by December 1, 2011; and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor by January 1, 2012.

Senator Harrington