

Agenda Item #14  
November 23, 2010

**Public Hearing**

**MEMORANDUM**

November 19, 2010

TO: County Council

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Analyst *A. Mihill*

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing:** Bill 52-10, Commission on Veterans Affairs - Membership

Bill 52-10, Commission on Veterans Affairs - Membership, sponsored by the Council President at the request of the County Executive, was introduced on October 26, 2010. Action is tentatively scheduled for November 30.

Bill 52-10 would alter the membership of the Commission on Veterans Affairs by adding the President of Montgomery College to the Commission.

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Bill No. 52-10  
Concerning: Commission on Veterans  
Affairs - Membership  
Revised: 10/21/2010 Draft No. 1  
Introduced: October 26, 2010  
Expires: April 26, 2010  
Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunset Date: None  
Ch. \_\_\_\_\_, Laws of Mont. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) alter the membership of the Commission on Veterans Affairs; and
- (2) generally amend the law relating to the Commission.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation  
Section 24-61

<b>Boldface</b>	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

**Sec. 1. Section 24-61 is amended as follows:**

**24-61. Commission on Veterans Affairs.**

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(c) Composition; Term.

- (1) The Commission has [15] 16 voting members.
- (2) The Executive should appoint 8 members who are veterans and may be a member of a veterans group, such as:
  - (A) Vietnam Veterans of America;
  - (B) American Veterans (AMVETS);
  - (C) Disabled American Veterans;
  - (D) Veterans of Foreign Wars;
  - (E) Women Veterans of America;
  - (F) American Legion; or
  - (G) Military Order of the Purple Heart.
- (3) The Executive must appoint 4 members to represent the general public.
- (4) The Executive must designate the following ex officio members:
  - (A) the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or the Director's designee;
  - (B) the Director of the Department of Economic Development, or the Director's designee; [and]
  - (C) the County Executive or the Executive's designee; and
  - (D) the President of Montgomery College or the President's designee.
- (5) The Executive must invite a representative of the County's Congressional delegation who is either a member of the

27 delegation or an individual designated to represent the delegation  
28 to be a non-voting member of the Commission.

29 (6) The term of each member is 3 years.

30 (7) The Executive must designate a chair and a vice-chair from  
31 among the Commission's members.

32 (8) After an appointment to fill a vacancy before a term expires, the  
33 successor serves the rest of the unexpired term.

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35 *Approved:*

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Nancy Floreen, President, County Council Date

37 *Approved:*

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

39 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date

## LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 52-10, Commission on Veterans Affairs - Membership

**DESCRIPTION:** This legislation adds a representative from Montgomery College to serve as a member on the Commission of Veterans Affairs.

**PROBLEM:** The Commission would benefit from the expertise of College staff working with veterans who are transition to higher education. The Executive currently lacks the authority to appoint such a representative.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** To assist the Commission in its duty to promote the rights and opportunities for veterans and to advise the Executive and the Council on the status of programs and services related to the needs of veterans.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** To be requested.

**ECONOMIC:  
IMPACT** To be requested.

**EVALUATION:** To be requested.

**EXPERIENCE  
ELSEWHERE:** N/A

**SOURCE OF  
INFORMATION:** Betsy Tolbert Luecking, Disability Policy Specialist, 240-777-1256

**APPLICATION  
WITHIN  
MUNICIPALITIES:** N/A

**PENALTIES:** N/A



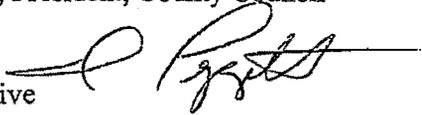
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

October 22, 2010

TO: Nancy Floreen, President, County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett   
County Executive

SUBJECT: Bill to add a representative from Montgomery College to serve as a member of the Commission on Veterans Affairs

I am attaching for the Council's consideration a Bill to add a representative from Montgomery College as a member to the Commission on Veterans Affairs. The bill would increase the total membership of the Commission to 17 members. Currently there are 15 voting members and one non-voting member.

Adding a representative from Montgomery College would bring expertise on veterans' issues relating to higher education, which would improve the Commission's ability to carry out its responsibilities which include: (1) assembling, analyzing, and disseminating information and educational materials relating to activities and programs that will assist in meeting the needs of veterans and their families; (2) conducting educational programs to promote the rights of, and opportunities for, veterans; (3) advising the Executive and Council on the status of programs and services in the State and county relating to the needs of veterans and their families; and (4) assisting in planning appropriate public acknowledgement of the contributions made by veterans.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed bill.

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Attachments



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

Joseph F. Beach  
Director

MEMORANDUM

November 5, 2010

TO: Nancy Floreen, President, County Council

FROM: Joseph F. Beach, Director

SUBJECT: Council Bill 52-10, Alter Membership of the Commission on Veterans Affairs

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit a fiscal and economic impact statement to the Council on the Subject legislation.

**LEGISLATION SUMMARY**

This legislation would alter the membership of the Commission on Veterans Affairs to add the President of Montgomery College or the President's designee. After the amendment, the Commission will have sixteen (16) voting members, and one non-voting member.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC SUMMARY**

There would be no fiscal or economic impact to this legislation because it adds one, ex-officio member to the Commission on Veterans Affairs, which would require no additional resources.

The following contributed to and concurred with this analysis: Betsy Luecking, Staff Liaison, Commission on Veterans Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, and Pooja Bharadwaja, Office of Management and Budget.

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