

Chapter 350

(Senate Bill 119)

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Business Discounts and Preferences for Veterans – Identification

FOR the purpose of requiring certain businesses that offer discounts or preferences on products or services to veterans to accept a valid driver’s license or identification card with a certain notation as verification of veteran status for purposes of claiming the discount or preference; ~~establishing a certain penalty;~~ and generally relating to business-offered discounts and preferences for veterans.

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section 19–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation

19–104.

~~(A)~~ **A BUSINESS REGISTERED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT OFFERS A DISCOUNT OR PREFERENCE ON PRODUCTS OR SERVICES TO VETERANS SHALL ACCEPT A VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED UNDER § 12–302 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE THAT INCLUDES A NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS AS VERIFICATION OF THE VETERAN STATUS OF THE HOLDER OF THE DRIVER’S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR PURPOSES OF CLAIMING THE DISCOUNT OR PREFERENCE.**

~~(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$100 FOR EACH OFFENSE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.