

SENATE BILL 697

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By: **Senator Gile**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland National Guard – Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program**
3 **– Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the reimbursement limit on certain grant awards to certain
5 members of the National Guard for the cost of certain health care and dental care
6 premiums; and generally relating to the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 13–411
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 13–411.

16 (a) In this section, “eligible recipient” means an individual who is:

17 (1) eligible for Tricare Reserve Select coverage; and

18 (2) a member of the National Guard.

19 (b) There is a Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program in the Department.

20 (c) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the Department may award grants to
21 an eligible recipient who meets the reimbursement application requirements for any of the
22 following:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) a premium paid for individual coverage through the Tricare Reserve
2 Select Program;

3 (2) a premium paid for any member of the immediate family of an eligible
4 recipient covered under the Tricare Reserve Select Program;

5 (3) a premium paid for individual coverage under the Tricare Dental
6 Program; or

7 (4) a premium paid for any member of the immediate family of an eligible
8 recipient receiving dental benefits under the Tricare Dental Program.

9 (d) A grant award to an eligible recipient may reimburse the eligible recipient for
10 up to **[\$60 of]** the total amount of premiums paid each month by the eligible recipient for
11 the coverages listed under subsection (c) of this section.

12 (e) The Department shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the
13 Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program established under this section.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2024.