

# HOUSE BILL 151

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By: **Delegate Vogel**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sales and Use Tax – Distribution of Cannabis Sales Tax Revenue – Maryland**  
3 **Veterans Trust Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain percentage of sales and use tax revenue collected  
5 from the sale of cannabis to be distributed to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund;  
6 and generally relating to the distribution of cannabis sales tax revenue and the  
7 Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 9–913

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Tax – General

15 Section 2–1302.2

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 (As enacted by Chapters 604 and 605 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – State Government**

22 9–913.

23 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (b)    (1)   There is a Maryland Veterans Trust established for the purpose of  
2 providing monetary and other assistance to:

3 (i) veterans and their families;

(iii) public and private programs that support veterans and their families.

9                   (c) The Trust shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual existence,  
10 subject to modification or termination by the General Assembly if necessary to effectuate  
11 its purpose or if its substantial purpose ceases to exist.

12 (d) The Fund consists of:

15 (2) contributions to the Fund from:

16 (i) the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines under §  
17 9–112(d) of this title;

(iii) the designated fees from special registration plates for recipients of an individually earned, combat-related armed forces medal under § 13-619.1 of the Transportation Article; and

23 (iv) civil penalties collected in accordance with § 9-905.1 of this  
24 subtitle; [and]

(3) the net proceeds from contributions under the income tax checkoff established under § 2-117 of the Tax – General Article; AND

(4) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 2-1302.2 OF THE  
TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE.

29 (e) Money in the Fund may only be used to:

(2) be invested under § 9-914.3(b) of this subtitle; and

(3) pay the costs of administering the Fund through distribution to an administrative cost account in the Department.

4               (f) Money expended from the Fund is not intended to take the place of funding  
5 that would otherwise be appropriated to the Department.

## **Article – Tax – General**

7 2-1302.2.

After making the distributions required under §§ 2–1301 through 2–1302.1 of this subtitle, of the sales and use tax collected under § 11–104(k) of this article from the sale of cannabis, as defined in § 1–101 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, the Comptroller quarterly shall distribute:

12 (1) 75% of the revenues as follows:

(iii) after making the distribution required under items (i) and (ii) of  
this item:

1. 35% to the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund  
under § 1-322 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article for fiscal years 2024 through  
2033;

27                         2.        5% to counties, which shall be allocated to each county  
28 based on the percentage of revenue collected from that county, except that a county shall  
29 distribute to a municipality located in the county 50% of the allocation received under this  
30 item that is attributable to the sales and use tax revenue generated by a dispensary located  
31 in that municipality;

32                           3.       5% to the Cannabis Public Health Fund established under  
33   § 13–4505 of the Health – General Article; and

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1                   4. for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, 5% to the Cannabis  
2 Business Assistance Fund established under § 5–1901 of the Economic Development  
3 Article; and

4                   (iv) any balance remaining after the distributions required under  
5 items (i), (ii), and (iii) of this item to the General Fund of the State; [and]

6                   **(2) [25%] 3% TO THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**  
7 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–913 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; AND**

8                   **(3) 22%** of the revenue to the General Fund of the State.

9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2026.