

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB523ER

**Patron:** Willett

**Bill Title:** Department of Veterans Services; Department of Health Professions; military medical personnel; program.

**Bill Summary:** The bill expands the definition of “military medical personnel” for the purposes of the program established by the Department of Veterans Services, in collaboration with the Department of Health Professions, that allows such military medical personnel to practice and perform certain delegated acts that constitute the practice of medicine or nursing to include other enlisted service members who successfully completed appropriate technical training and any required certifications and who were discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable. Under current law, “military medical personnel” means an individual who has recently served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, medical personnel in the United States Space Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or the United States Coast Guard. The bill also allows such military medical personnel participating in the program to be supervised by any licensed practitioner and such supervision shall be limited to the licensed practitioner’s existing scope of practice. Current law allows such personnel to be supervised by a physician or podiatrist. The second enactment clause requires the Department of Veterans Services and the Department of Health Professions to convene a stakeholder work group to provide guidance on the implementation and further development of the Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) program and report its findings to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2026.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Indeterminate

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** Not applicable

**Fiscal Summary:** There is an indeterminate impact as a result of this proposal.

**Fiscal Analysis:** This bill directs the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) and the Department of Health Professions (DHP) to convene a work group to provide guidance on the implementation and further development of the Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) program. The work group will include representatives from MMAC partner health care systems, the Department of Health, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Virginia Community College System, the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians, the Virginia Nurses Association, the Virginia Association of EMS Practitioners, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and any other relevant stakeholders as deemed necessary by the Department of Veterans Services and the Department of Health Professions. The work group will report its findings to the

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Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2026.

Any costs that may arise from the proposed work group are anticipated to be absorbable by all state agencies required to be a part of the work group. According to DHP, if the agency assumes the primary responsibilities of the work group, it is estimated that staffing and coordination may incur a one-time cost of \$16,800, of which DHP anticipates the ability to cover with existing resources or by imposing a one-time fee assessment on licensees to generate sufficient nongeneral fund revenues to offset the impact of the work group.

**Other:** None.