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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Kumar P. Barve, Chairman  
Environment and Transportation

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus

DATE: February 6, 2020

RE: **HB 398 – Energy Efficiency - Net-Zero Homes - Contract Preferences**


The Maryland Veterans Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB 398 – Energy Efficiency - Net-Zero Homes - Contract Preferences**

This bill was sponsored by Delegate **Mike Rogers** for the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to applications for certain loans that will use the services of certain small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses, particularly those businesses that provide employment for individuals trained through workforce development programs, for loans for certain net-zero homes under the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economic, training and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of veterans in the State. There are approximately 471,200 veterans living in the State of Maryland.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Committee favorably recommends strong support of **HB 398**, and the full caucus voted to support this bill.

Thank you,

  
Delegate C.T. Wilson  
House Chair, Veterans Caucus

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of benefits, employment, education, economics, training, and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of all veterans in the State.