

HB4

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OPPOSED

- 1) CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, ARTICLE IX. MILITIA AND MILITARY AFFAIRS. SECTION 1. The General Assembly shall make, from time to time, such provisions for organizing, equipping and disciplining the Militia, as the exigency may require, and pass such Laws to promote Volunteer Militia organizations as may afford them effectual encouragement.

Webster's Dictionary 1828, **MILITIA**, *noun* [Latin from miles, a soldier; Gr. war, to fight, combat, contention. The primary sense of fighting is to strive, struggle, drive, or to strike, to beat, Eng. toil, Latin molior; Heb. to labor or toil.] The body of soldiers in a state enrolled for discipline, but not engaged in actual service except in emergencies; as distinguished from regular troops, whose sole occupation is war or military service. The *militia* of a country are the able bodied men organized into companies, regiments and brigades, with officers of all grades, and required by law to attend military exercises on certain days only, but at other times left to pursue their usual occupations.

HB4 violates CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, ARTICLE IX by not allow able body men to be equipped and does not promote Volunteer able body men effectual encouragement.

- 2) HB4 violates CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, DECLARATION OF RIGHTS. "Art. 28. That a well regulated Militia is the proper and natural defence of a free Government" by not allowing the proper and natural defense of a free Government.
- 3) Property Rights In The U.S. Constitution, 5th Amendment violation. The economic concept of private property refers to the rights owners have to the exclusive use and disposal of a physical object. Property is not a table, a chair, or an acre of land. It is the bundle of rights which the owner is entitled to employ those objects. HB4 violates Property Rights In The U.S. Constitution by not allowing entitled owner rights.