

## THE AMERICAN LEGION Department of Maryland Legislative Commission

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HOUSE BILL 708- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED VETERANS

Good afternoon Madam Chair Kaiser and members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The American Legion fully supports House Bill 708. Homes owned by 80 percent disabled veterans and surviving spouses should be exempt from taxation from state, county of municipalities. The American Legion fervently believes we must honor the services of those who have given greatly in the defense of our country, more so than their comrades who returned without injuries or dismemberment. House Bill 708 allows our veterans who have given much in the defense of the nation and permits them to enjoy greater benefits of financial security. We wish to thank Delegate Watson for his compassion to our veteran community and, in closing, we ask you to render a favorable report to House Bill 708.

Thank you.