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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Anne R. Kaiser, Chairwoman
Ways & Means

FROM: Veterans Caucus

DATE: January 14, 2021

RE: **HB-371 State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Fraternal Organizations (ITLMs for Homeless Veterans Act)**

The Maryland Veterans Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB-371 State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Fraternal Organizations (ITLMs for Homeless Veterans Act)**

This bill was sponsored by **Delegate Pat Young** for the purpose authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control 4 Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than a certain 5 number of instant ticket lottery machines for the sale of certain instant lottery 6 tickets under certain circumstances; providing for the distribution of the proceeds 7 from certain lottery machine ticket sales by a fraternal organization; declaring the 8 intent of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the 9 operation of and proceeds from instant ticket lottery machines in the State.

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 support of **HB 371**, and the full caucus voted to support this bill. Delegate C.T. Wilson and Senator William Smith, Chairs of the 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.