



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership

DATE: January 22, 2024

RE: **HB431 - Department of Veterans Affairs - Renaming and Deputy Secretary of Military Family Policy and Programs**

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB431 - Department of Veterans Affairs - Renaming and Deputy Secretary of Military Family Policy and Programs**

This bill was sponsored by **Delegate Pruski** for the purpose of renaming the Department of Veterans Affairs to the Department of Veterans Affairs and Military Families. It also requires the Secretary to appoint a Deputy Secretary of Military Family Policy and Programs.

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, economics, training, and health. And to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of the veterans in the State.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Review Board offers and **recommends support and a favorable report of HB 0431.**

Thank you,

Mike Rogers

Delegate Mike Rogers
House Chair, Veterans Caucus

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