

TO: Chair Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership

DATE: February 19, 2024

RE: HB862 - Property Tax Exemption - Disabled Veterans - Service Connected

Disability

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB862** - **Property Tax Exemption** - **Disabled Veterans** - **Service Connected Disability**

This bill was sponsored by Delegate Nick Allen for the purpose of expanding the eligibility criteria of a property tax exemption for specified disabled veterans and surviving spouses of veterans to include veterans with at least an 80% service-connected disability. Under current law, veterans must have a 100% service-connected disability to be eligible for the property tax exemption

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 <u>recommends support and a favorable report of HB862.</u>

Thank you,

Delegate Mike Rogers

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House Chair, Veterans Caucus