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**Senate Bill 491 - Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Military Service Credit Eligibility
SUPPORT**

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The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMF) is committed to leading veterans and their families through life's transitions, making Maryland the best state for military-connected communities. Our department supports Senate Bill 491 - Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Military Service Credit Eligibility.

SB491 is a technical bill that simply updates statutory language to clarify that one military service credit is available to members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System. DVMF supports the General Assembly's continued effort to expand eligibility, align with federal language, and modernize the veteran and military-connected definitions across the Code. This bill has no fiscal impact.

Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully ask the committee for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward C. Rothstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ed Rothstein
Acting Secretary