## **HOUSE BILL 34**

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By: Delegate Allen

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Sales and Use Tax – Tax–Free Day – Veterans' Day
3	FOR the purpose of establishing a tax-free day each year during which an exemption from
4	the sales and use tax is provided for sales to certain veterans; requiring an
5	individual, in order to qualify for the exemption, to provide to the vendor evidence of
6	eligibility for the exemption; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption
7	for veterans.
8	BY adding to
9	Article - Tax - General
10	Section 11–246
11	Annotated Code of Maryland
12	(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND
14	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
15	Article - Tax - General
16	11–246.
17	(A) IN THIS SECTION, "VETERAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:
18	(1) HAS SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN:
19	(I) THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES, AS
20	DEFINED IN 10 U.S.C. § 101;

A RESERVE COMPONENT OF:

**(II)** 

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1	1. THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES; OR
2	2. THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE; OR
3	(III) THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE; AND
4 5	(2) WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.
6	(B) BEGINNING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025, NOVEMBER 11 SHALL BE A
7	TAX-FREE DAY IN MARYLAND DURING WHICH THE SALES AND USE TAX DOES NOT
8	APPLY TO A SALE TO A VETERAN.
9	(C) TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
10	SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL:
11	(1) SHALL PROVIDE TO THE VENDOR EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
12	THE EXEMPTION; AND
13	(2) MAY ESTABLISH THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A VETERAN BY
14	PRODUCING A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION
15	CARD THAT INCLUDES A NOTATION INDICATING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A
16	VETERAN.
17 18	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.
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