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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 0597 HIGHER EDUCATION –  
NON-RESIDENT TUITION – EXEMPTION FOR SPOUSES AND  
DEPENDENTS OF HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS**

The American Legion Department of Maryland has an unyielding commitment to military veterans and their families in all facets of their lives including their personal development. This includes personal improvement through higher education.

House Bill 597 is a logical, prudent way to show respect for these persons who have given a portion of their life on behalf of our country. Allowing a veteran's spouse and/or his or her children to attend a college or university at the same cost residents enjoy will add to the popular, meaningful statement: "thank you for your service".

Additionally, successful passage of this measure will eliminate a requirement that certain institutions of higher learning be in compliance with federal statutes relating to nonresident tuition for veterans and their dependents.

The American Legion, representing over 45,000 veterans throughout the State of Maryland respectfully ask the House of Delegates Appropriations Committee to render a favorable report of HB 597.

Thank you, and

Yours, Respectfully

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