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**ENDORSEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 279 INCOME TAX –  
SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and distinguished members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

The American Legion Department of Maryland as part of its foundation requiring our second century old veterans service organization to be fully supportive of our men and women in uniform as well as their families. This pledge is acutely true for those who have sacrificed a large portion of their life in service to our country.

Senate Bill 279, as its predecessors before it, eliminates taxing on the retirement income for those persons who have served a career in the U. S. military.

Support for this measure by this committee will have multiple positive effects. It will provide a stimulus to those exiting the services to reside in Maryland creating an addition to the tax base not only of the retiring service member but the adult members in his or her family as well.

Successful passage will enable employers to have a greater selection of persons needed to fill job vacancies, particularly in the defense contract community where security clearances are necessary to employment. Departing personnel who have such documentation can easily step into a new career without the expense and time constraints for an employer or a job candidate must endure.

Finally, Senate Bill 279 will show the service man and woman that Maryland Cares! This bill can put substantive meaning behind the often used phrase, “thank you for your service.”

Statement of Support  
Senate Bill 0279  
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In closing, The American Legion's over 40,000 Maryland members ask the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to offer a favorable report on Senate Bill 279 and commend the Governor and the Senate co-sponsors for their compassion towards our service career veterans

Respectfully, yours

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