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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1482 MILITARY DEPARTMENT – STUDY ON ASSISTING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS WITH STATE LAW and REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Distinguished members of the Health and Government Operations Committee, The American Legion Department of Maryland through its 136 Posts 23 State's counties and Baltimore City feel House Bill 1482 is a step towards easing the burden for our citizens who are on active duty in locations around the world.

The measure not only aids those on temporary assignment in conflict zones but in all other regions where there's a need for a U. S. uniform presence. Some of the outcomes from the study HB 1482 creates are we would hope include rental and mortgage issues, motor vehicle regulations and business permits and renewals. The final category is especially applicable to members of the Maryland National Guard who face constant deployment within the continental limits of the United States but throughout the world.

HB 1482 provides an additional advantage to service members as well. The study, if passed into law, would greatly benefit younger service members but it could be to great advantage to career service members who are about to retire. The information gained from this study could provide essential information to those planning on returning to their home-of-record or relocating to another area or state.

In closing, The American Legion representing over 48,000 active duty men and women, veterans who have served in all wars and conflicts since 1917 along with their family members believe House Bill 1482 is a valuable bill serving the personal and economic needs of our uniformed service members and respectfully request a favorable report on this measure. We wish to thank Delegate Solomon and the other sponsoring Delegates for their sponsorship of HB 1482.

Yours, respectfully

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