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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Luke Clippinger, Chairman
Judiciary

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus

DATE: March 10, 2020

RE: **HB 1139 – Public Safety - Maryland Code of Military Justice**

The Maryland Veterans Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB 1139 – Public Safety - Maryland Code of Military Justice**

This bill was sponsored by the **Delegate C.T. Wilson** for the purpose of establishing a Maryland Code of Military Justice; providing for jurisdiction and applicability of the Act; providing for authority of certain judge advocates; establishing the rights of certain victims; providing for the apprehension and restraint of certain offenders; providing for certain non-judicial punishment; establishing the jurisdiction for certain courts-martial; providing for the appointment and composition of certain courts-martial; establishing certain pre-trial procedures; etc.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economic, training and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of veterans in the State. There are approximately 471,200 veterans living in the State of Maryland.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Committee favorably recommends strong support of **HB 1139**, and the full caucus voted to support this bill.

Thank you,

Delegate C.T. Wilson
House Chair, Veterans Caucus

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of benefits, employment, education, economics, training, and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of all veterans in the State.