



**DEPARTMENT OF
ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION**

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Michael Higgs, Director

DATE: March 2, 2021

BILL NUMBER: HB1175

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

BILL TITLE: Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans - Established

SDAT POSITION: Letter of Information

The State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) offers the following information for HB1175, a bill that would expand criteria for Veterans who can receive Property Tax Credits.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs reported 87,300 veterans in Maryland receiving VA disability compensation in 2018. Currently SDAT records indicate there are 13,644 permanently 100% disabled veterans currently receiving a property tax exemption under Tax Property Article 7-208. SDAT anticipates that it would need to process 73,656 additional tax credit applications during the first year of the credit.

It is anticipated 21 new Office Service Clerks would need to be added to assist the Supervisor of Assessments. These positions would be needed to process the applications, prepare responses for mailing, update the AAVS records, and process assessment decrease forms for refunds. These may be contractual workers as SDAT would be able to reevaluate their needs depending on the level of participation.

For these reasons, SDAT would like the committee to strongly consider the information presented as it deliberates HB1289.

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