



## Maryland Municipal League

*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

March 2, 2021

**Committee:** House Ways & Means

**Bill:** HB 1175 Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans - Established

**Position:** Oppose

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League opposes House Bill 1175, which would require a local government to grant a property tax credit to disabled veterans.

While the League appreciates the intent of the Sponsor, municipalities in Maryland are limited in the ways in which they can generate revenue. The municipal corporation property tax is one of the few taxes municipalities are authorized to impose and, to some degree, set the rate. This bill mandates that municipalities reduce their own revenue stream, rather than grant them the flexibility to do so. While the reduction would likely be slight, every little bit helps, especially considering the fiscal instability local governments are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League opposes House Bill 1175 and respectfully requests an unfavorable committee report.

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