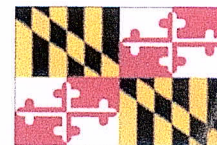




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HB 951 - Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income

Dear Chairperson Kaiser, Vice Chairman Washington and Distinguished Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

The Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police **SUPPORTS** House Bill 951 - **Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income**

Along with other deserved positive changes that HB951 will do for Public Safety and Military Retirees, the Bill will provide an increase to the allowed amount that can be subtracted from the Federal adjusted gross income for a retired Law Enforcement Officers Retirement Income. The enactment of HB951 would create a modest increase from the current \$15,000 subtraction to the new limit of \$20,000. A **FAVORABLE** vote on HB951 would continue to show the support of the State of Maryland to its Public Safety and Military retirees and further incentivize them to maintain their residence in the State of Maryland. Currently, due to retirement tax incentives of some of our surrounding states, our Members frequently change residency to locations outside of Maryland after retirement in order to take advantage of the lower taxes applied to their retirement income. This Bill will go a long way towards continuing to encourage our Police Officers who have worked their entire career in Maryland to continue to reside here after their retirement.

On behalf of the more than 20,000 Courageous Men and Women of the Maryland Fraternal Order of Police we thank you for your support and ask for your **FAVORABLE** vote on **House Bill 951 - Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income**

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