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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 0235
Before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
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Senator Guzzone and distinguished members of the Budget and Taxation Committee

Since there are numerous veterans who suffer daily from a permanent physical disability The American Legion Department of Maryland strongly believes Senate Bill 235 providing a \$1,000 personal tax exemption will enable these individuals to better care for themselves and their loved ones.

The working disabled can greatly benefit from this exemption. In 2020 only, an estimated 39 percent of working adults in Maryland are classified as adults with disabilities. Their average income is about 30 percent lower than those working adults who are not disabled.

While the working disabled receive less income often they have greater expenses in areas such as housing and transportation.

The American Legion representing 46 post and units throughout Maryland who serve more than 380,000 members and their families believe Senate Bill 235 would be a meaningful aid to this small but certainly deserving portion of our population and we earnestly request a favorable report on this bill and we commend Senator Jackson for his strong support for veterans and the disabled community.

Respectfully, yours

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