



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

February 1, 2021

Committee: House Ways & Means

Bill: HB 224 Property Tax Exemption – Disabled Veterans

Position: Oppose

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes House Bill 224, which would mandate a local government to grant a property tax exemption to disabled veterans with at least an 80% service connected disability or their surviving spouse.

Municipalities in Maryland have very limited revenue streams. The municipal corporation property tax is one of the few taxes municipalities are authorized to impose and set the rate. Exempting and crediting households can be a valuable tool for local officials, but MML has long-sought the authorization to provide such credits with local discretion for budgetary flexibility and has opposed revenue-decreasing mandates.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League opposes House Bill 224 and respectfully requests an unfavorable committee report.

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