



DATE: February 15, 2022

TO: House Ways & Means Committee

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RE: HB 497 (Delegate Buckel)

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Vehicle Titling Association (MVTA) represents over 100 private title service agent licensees of the MVA. Title service agents located throughout the state provide other locations with extended hours for Maryland residents that need to perform essential vehicle title and registration activities.

Title Service Agents frequently serve members of the Military that seek our title and registration services. We experience their frustration when we inform them of their excise tax obligation upon returning to Maryland from active duty or from the difference in tax rates between Maryland and another jurisdiction. The frequent relocation of military members can create a financial burden, and HB 497 helps to ease relocation stress when Maryland is their new residence. Virginia provides an excise tax exemption to their members of the military.

HB 497 honors our proud members of the Military with an important excise tax credit the rightfully deserve for serving our country and choosing to make Maryland home.

MVTA respectfully asks the House Ways & Means Committee to give HB 497 a favorable report.

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