



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy

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Chairwoman Vanessa Atterbeary
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

HB 491, Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption – Active Duty Military – Request a FAVORABLE Report

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

House Bill 491, Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption – Active Duty Military, before your committee on February 15, 2022, is a valuable measure to aid and enhance the economic well-being of our active-duty community in Maryland. This measure would ensure that active duty military service members stationed in Maryland and those returning to Maryland after active duty service do not have to pay the vehicle excise tax if the car was registered in another state.

In relation to its relatively small population in our country, Maryland has one of the highest, if not the highest number of military and uniformed services' bases, posts and facilities in the nation, which contribute a significant portion of Maryland's economy. Our Active Duty men and women and their families are an essential element of this dynamic. HB 497 would authorize an exemption of the vehicle excise tax to our Active-Duty population, an indication that our state supports them and 'has their backs.'

The Maryland Military Coalition, a voluntary, non-partisan organization representing 19 veteran service organizations who, in turn, serve over 150,000 former military men and women throughout our State. The Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports** and urgently asks for a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 497. We applaud Delegate Buckel for his continued commitment to the veteran community to enjoy a better life.

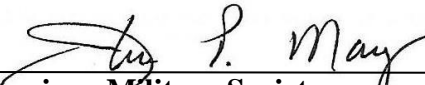
Yours, respectfully


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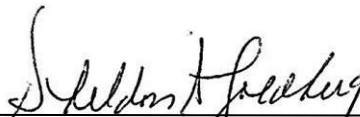

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National Association for Black Veterans


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