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The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chairwoman and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

**RE: HB 597 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modifications for Military and Public Safety
Retirement Income (Honoring Their Sacrifice Act of 2022)**

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

To honor those who sacrifice their lives every day, MTA supports lowering the age at which residents are eligible for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax from 55 to 50. We also agree with increasing the amount of subtraction modifications from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

MTA believes this legislation will act as an incentive for retired law enforcement to remain in Maryland and not feel the need to reside in other states once retired.

Maryland State Troopers are integral members of the law enforcement community in Maryland. Given the role that our Maryland State Troopers perform in the public safety of our counties and state we feel that this small change is warranted and justified.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association strongly supports HB 597 and request a favorable report.

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