



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Maryland  
Legislative Committee

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Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe and distinguished members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee,

The American Legion Department of Maryland and the six branches of the Fleet Reserve Association here strongly believe Senate Bill 416 is an essential measure for those persons who have made a career in the armed forces serving our nation.

Not only do we honor these individuals through passage of this measure, but SB 416 can help stem the exodus from Maryland to such neighboring states as Pennsylvania, West Virginia and North Carolina who along with other states in the U.S. have enacted legislation exempting taxes on military retirement income.

By passing this bill and enabling service retirees to remain in Maryland other taxes on income and sales taxation on the purchasing of housing, automobiles along with the family necessities purchases will be generated.

More importantly, SB 416 does not establish an age limit as previous proposal have done. Some retirees have left military service after a 20-year career at age 38 or more. This is an immediate gain for these warriors and for employment here.

In closing, our veteran service organizations numbering over 142,000 throughout our State strongly endorse Senate Bill 416 and respectfully request a favorable report. We are deeply grateful to Senator Salling and the co-sponsors for their respect to the veteran community.

Most respectfully,

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