



MARYLAND  
CATHOLIC  
CONFERENCE

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HB 767

Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income (Military Pension Tax Freedom Act)

House Ways & Means Committee

Position: Favorable

The Maryland Catholic Conference is the public policy representative of the three (arch)dioceses serving Maryland, which together encompass over one million Marylanders. Statewide, their parishes, schools, hospitals, and numerous charities combine to form our state's second largest social service provider network, behind only our state government.

House Bill 767 would phase in, over a certain period of years, an increase in a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow for a subtraction of all military retirement income; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for military retirement income.

Those who are sworn to serve their country in the armed forces are servants of the security and freedom of nations. If they carry out their duty honorably, they truly contribute to the common good of the nation and the maintenance of peace (*Catechism* 2310). House Bill 767 seeks to address the respect for the dignity and physical integrity of the human person; working to protect and help the veterans and their families who have bravely fought and served our state and country.

The Conference appreciates your consideration and respectfully urges a **favorable** report for House Bill 767.