



Senate Bill 32 –Property Tax - Exemption for Dwellings of Disabled Veterans - Application

Position: Support

The Maryland REALTORS® supports SB 32 which would modify the current application requirements needed among disabled veterans and at times their surviving spouses, to obtain the property tax exemption reserved for disabled veterans.

REALTORS® support efforts which facilitate the application process among those who have served in the armed forces and are now permanently disabled. Current law requires as part of the application process to receive this tax emption that the disabled veteran or their surviving spouse provide a certification of the disability on the form provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill would offer an alternative mechanism of proof that could be in order to apply for the exemption. This alternative would allow applicants to instead submit the rating decision noting the veteran’s disability and the effective date from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as part of the application.

Recently, Maryland REALTORS® conducted a State of Housing 2023 poll among registered voters. Results from this survey found that three-quarters of Maryland voters feel that the costs to purchase a home in Maryland is too high and 62% of those employed full time are still unable to make enough to afford a home. Additionally, almost 30% of registered voters would consider relocating to another state due to the high housing costs in Maryland.

Maryland REALTORS® applaud efforts that assist disabled veterans or their surviving spouses in terms of obtaining the well-deserved and at in many cases, much needed financial incentive offered by this exemption.

We respectfully ask for your support of Senate Bill 32.

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