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The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 368 - State Retirement and Pension System - Military Service Credit - Eligibility

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs ("MDVA") supports Senate Bill SB 368 - State Retirement and Pension System - Military Service Credit - Eligibility.

This bill is necessary to close a gap in the military service credit eligibility in the State Retirement and Pension System. It simply removes the current date limitations for active duty members of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

By eliminating these service date requirements, Maryland will recognize and support all of those who serve. Thank you for your attention to this important proposal and I ask the committee for a favorable report on SB 368.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anthony C. Woods
Secretary