



JOINT VETERANS COMMITTEE OF MARYLAND, Inc.
TESTIMONY
HB0494 / SB0282 Recreation Equality for Service Members Act
31 January 2025

House Hearing: Environment and Transportation 12 February 2025 1:00pm

Senate Hearing: Education, Energy and the Environment 4 February 2025 1:00pm

The Maryland Joint Veterans Committee (JVC) **SUPPORTS** HB0494 / SB0282 Recreation Equality for Service Members Act for the following reasons:

- Concur with efforts to standardize Veteran and other related terms across Maryland law
- Concur with codifying active duty service members and veterans receive exemption from the day-use entry fee
 - The MD Department of Natural Resources already does this, therefore this policy codification will not negatively impact the Maryland budget

The JVC encourages a **FAVORABLE** vote.

The Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland, Inc. is a community of congressionally chartered veteran organizations in the State of Maryland drawn together by strong bonds of respect and mutual ideas and ideals to promote true patriotism, to pursue by legislation and other activities, to advance the welfare of all veterans, their widows, their orphans, and their dependents. JVC is comprised of the following Maryland Veteran Service Organizations: American Veterans (AMVETS), Marine Corps League (MCL), Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), Catholic War Veterans (CWV), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US (VFW).

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