



JOINT VETERANS COMMITTEE OF MARYLAND, Inc.

TESTIMONY

HB0895/SB0279 Employment and Insurance Equality for Service Members Act

January 10, 2025

House Hearing: February 12, 2025, 1:00pm

Senate Hearing: February 5, 2025, 2:00pm

The Maryland Joint Veterans Committee (JVC) **SUPPORTS** HB0895/SB0279 Employment and Insurance Equality for Service Members Act for the following reasons:

- This bill updates and standardizes terms across the law.
- The bill adds all Uniformed Service Members, not just the Armed Forces.
- Adds Eligible Spouses
- Changes to Reserve Component from National Guard.
- Recognizes Uniformed Services Training and Education.
- Allows for temporary licensing for Active Service Members, Eligible Veterans, and Eligible Spouses when moving from out of state.

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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