



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Chair Joseline Pena-Melnyk
Health and Government Operations Committee
FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership
DATE: February 18th, 2025

Testimony in Favor of HB0500
HB0500 – Procurement Reform Act of 2025

Chair Joseline Pena-Melnyk and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on HB HB0500 – Procurement Reform Act of 2025.

This bill was sponsored by **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**, with the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of General Services to delegate certain powers and duties to the Chief Procurement Officer; altering the authority of the Department of General Services to engage in or control procurement of certain equipment and services; altering the authority of the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority to engage in procurement for certain supplies and services for transportation related activities; etc.

One of the main aspects of this bill that supports our veterans is the support included for Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise. The creation of a VSBE Preference Program will greatly assist veterans across the state in their business ventures. The Veterans Caucus proudly supports any program that gives additional assistance to veteran-owned small businesses.

The Veterans Caucus mission it to study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans and families in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economics, training, and health. And to assist the Department of Veterans and Military Families in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of the veterans and their families in the State.

The Veterans Caucus House Legislative Review Board offers and **recommends support and a favorable report of HB 0500.**

Thank you,

Mike Rogers

Delegate Mike Rogers
House Chair, Veterans Caucus

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of benefits, employment, education, economics, training, and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of all veterans in the State.