



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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January 20, 2025

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: **Request FAVORABLE Report** – SB0179 – Motor Vehicle Registration – Fee Exemption –  
Unemployable Disabled Veterans

Dear Chair Smith and distinguished members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition (MMC), I write to **recommend a FAVORABLE report on SB0179 – Motor Vehicle Registration – Fee Exemption – Unemployable Disabled Veterans**, sponsored by yourself. This bill would exempt from registration fees one vehicle that is either owned, leased, or personally used by an unemployable disabled veteran.

This legislation recognizes the sacrifices made by unemployable disabled veterans and the financial burden that registration fees place upon them. It includes them with other veterans who, as designated or classified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, have lost the use of a hand, arm, or leg, are totally disabled; have permanent vision impairment; or are the surviving spouses of a deceased disabled veteran.

The Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports SB0179** and **asks for a FAVORABLE report** from the Judicial Proceedings Committee. These unemployable disabled veterans deserve this exemption.

The Maryland Military Coalition is a registered non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization comprised of 22 prominent Maryland-based veteran and military groups, representing over 150,000 service-connected individuals, including those currently serving, veterans, retirees and their families, caregivers, and survivors. Visit our website at <https://www.mdmilcoalition.org/>.

We want to thank Senator Smith for sponsoring this legislation and for supporting the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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Legislative Director