



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Chair Luke Clippinger
Judiciary Committee
FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership
DATE: January 27th, 2025

Testimony in Favor of HB0229
Real Property - Holding Over - Expedited Hearing and Service of Summons for Active Duty Service Members

Chair Clippinger and members of the Judiciary Committee,

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0229 – Real Property - Holding Over - Expedited Hearing and Service of Summons for Active Duty Service Members.

This bill was sponsored by Delegate Brian Chisholm, with the purpose of requiring the District Court to hold a hearing on a tenant holding over within 45 days after a landlord makes a complaint if the landlord or the landlord's spouse is on active duty with the United States military; and authorizing a private process server to serve a certain summons if the constable or sheriff of the county fails to serve the summons within 10 days after the summons is issued by the court.

Active duty veterans deserve an expedited trial for a hearing related to a tenant holding over complaint. While serving our country, our veterans do not deserve to be bogged down with needlessly long wait times for these hearings while they're serving our country. Our veterans and military families who are landlords deserve a speedy trial when they are dealing with a tenant holding over issue.

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 0229.

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.