



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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HB 1611 – Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses - Income Eligibility

DATE: April 2, 2026
COMMITTEE: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
POSITION: Favorable
FROM: The Office of Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

As the County Executive of Frederick County, I urge the committee to give **HB 1611 – Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses - Income Eligibility** a favorable report. This legislation would allow for counties to establish their own income eligibility requirements for a property tax credit for disabled veterans and surviving spouses.

Frederick County is committed to providing all available resources and assistance to our veteran community and supporting our local Veterans Advisory Council. Our veterans have selflessly served our communities and country, and it is our duty as elected officials to advocate for expanded veteran resources. This includes providing available tax credits to our veterans and their surviving families.

HB 1611 would assist Frederick County in supporting our veterans by allowing us to set local income eligibility requirements for the disabled veterans tax credit, rather than following the current State income cap of \$100,000. This will give local government the ability to tailor eligibility requirements to our communities, better meeting their unique needs.

Frederick County is proud to have a significant veteran population, and this legislation would provide us with the ability to show our commitment to them through setting our own income requirements for this tax credit.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 1611 and I urge a favorable report.

Jessica Fitzwater, County Executive
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