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**Ed Rothstein, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veteran and Military Families**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF Senate Bill 301 - Veterans' Discount Act  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
April 1, 2026**

Good afternoon Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and members of the Committee.

For the record, my name is Ed Rothstein, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families.

I'm here today in support of Senate Bill 301 — the Veterans' Discounts Act.

This is a straightforward bill. It gives state agencies the option to waive certain fees for veterans, when appropriate.

Even small costs can create barriers when veterans are trying to access services or opportunities.

This bill provides a practical way to reduce those barriers, without mandates, but by giving agencies flexibility.

It also aligns with Maryland's commitment to those who have served and supports our broader effort to improve access for veterans and their families.

In Maryland, we are working every day to build a state where veterans are not just thanked for their service, but supported in meaningful, practical ways.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 301.