



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy

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The Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Request for **FAVORABLE Report** – HB1482 – Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses – Revisions

Dear Chair Wilkins and distinguished members of the Ways and Means Committee,

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition¹ (MMC), I write to request a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **HB1482 – Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses – Revisions**, sponsored by Delegate Steven Arentz. This bill expands the eligibility for property tax credits to include disabled veterans who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a permanent service-connected disability rating of at least 20 percent. The bill further increases the percentage of the credit while decreasing the service-connected disability (SCD) rating for the disabled veteran if that person does not qualify for the exemption under § 7-208 of Article – Tax – Property and provides for a new 20 percent credit to those disabled veterans with an SCD rating between 20 and 49 percent. HB1482 mandates, rather than enables, that these changes be put in place by a governing body of a county or a municipal corporation.

The MMC is fully aware of the fact that counties and local jurisdictions in Maryland depend significantly on revenue generated by property taxes. At the same time, under the current Code, which is enabling legislation, there is not a “level playing field” across the State among the counties and jurisdictions. This results in a disabled veteran with a particular SCD rating in one jurisdiction qualifying for the credit while a disabled veteran in another jurisdiction, with the same SCD rating, does not. The MMC firmly believes that this inequality needs to be corrected. All counties and local jurisdictions need to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans who are disabled as a result of serving our country and place their needs above local fiscal conditions.

The Maryland Military Coalition **strongly supports HB1482** and requests a **FAVORABLE Report** from the Ways and Means Committee.

¹ See attached list of member organizations

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

Respectfully,

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Member Organizations of the Maryland Military Coalition

Air Force Sergeants Association

American Military Society

American Minority Veterans Research Project

Association of the United States Navy

Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service

Disabled American Veterans

Fleet Reserve Association of Annapolis

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A

Maryland Air National Guard Retirees' Association

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Maryland Veterans

Maryland Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Military Officers Association of America

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Military Order of the World Wars

Montford Point Marines of America

National Association of Black Veterans

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Maryland Veterans

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association

NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers

Reserve Organization of America

Society of Military Widows

Veterans of Foreign Wars