



# **MSBA Bill Report 3A - Military Law and Veterans' Affairs (2024.01.30)**

**January 30, 2024**

Affairs (2024.01.30)

**MD - HB713** Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Military Retirement Income - Individuals Under the Age of 55

Last Action: Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m. (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mike Griffith (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

**Date:** February 15, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification from \$12,500 to \$20,000 under the Maryland income tax for military retirement income for individuals who are under the age of 55 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Statutes Amended:

10-207 Article - Tax - General

**MD - HB716** Motor Vehicle Registration - Fee Exemption - Unemployable Disabled Veterans

Last Action: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mike Griffith (R)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

**Date:** February 22, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** House Office Building, Room 250, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing that a vehicle owned by an unemployable disabled veteran is exempt from vehicle registration fees.

Statutes Amended:

13-903 Article - Transportation

**MD - SB597** Human Services - Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund

Last Action: Text - First - Human Services - Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund (January 26, 2024)

**Affairs (2024.01.30)**

Primary Sponsor: Senator Guy Guzzone (D)

Committees:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Summary:

Establishing the Individuals with Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund to provide sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding opportunities for individuals with disabilities and service-disabled veterans; requiring the Department of Disabilities to administer the Fund; establishing the qualifications for certain nonprofit organizations to receive a grant from the Fund; and authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Fund.

**MD - SB615 General Provisions - Commemorative Days - Maryland Veterans Suicide Awareness Day**

Last Action: Text - First - General Provisions - Commemorative Days - Maryland Veterans Suicide Awareness Day (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim July 11 as Maryland Veterans Suicide Awareness Day.

Statutes Amended:

7-416 Article - General Provisions

**MD - SB628 State Finance Catastrophic Event Account and Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund Noncivilian Federal Employees**

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

**Date:** February 7, 2024

**Time:** 2:00pm (EST)

**Location:** West Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the purposes of the Catastrophic Event Account and the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to provide financial assistance to noncivilian federal employees.

Affairs (2024.01.30)

Statutes Amended:

7-324,

7-327 Article - State Finance and Procurement

**MD - SB639 Property Tax Exemption - Disabled Veterans - Service Connected Disability**

Last Action: First Reading Budget and Taxation (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with at least an 80% service connected disability; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

Statutes Amended:

7-208 Article - Tax - Property