

Legislative Testimony (online submissions) 6-20-2023

Timestamp	Full Name	City	Zip Code	Are you representing yourself?	Legislation	Position	Remarks	Attachment
06/19/2023 8:21:25	C. C.	Annapolis	21401	Yes	Bill 50-23: Real Property Tax Credits – Disabled Veterans & Surviving Spouses – Retired Veterans	Oppose	In a county with a large veteran population spanning multiple wars, playing host to our nation's Naval Academy and other government institutions, it's unconscionable to change our county's tax law to be LESS friendly to veterans and our families. Disabled veterans who exit service in their early adulthood after serious injuries are working to raise their families despite permanent and total disabilities. As one of those disabled veterans, I vehemently oppose adding time limits into the tax credit for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. It's hard enough to make living in this county affordable without new hoops to jump through or a five year time limit on the few credits that do exist for disabled veterans. The disabilities I live with as a result of serving my country are not going to disappear in five years nor will they stop affecting my spouse or my family within five years of my death. The financial impacts from living with disabilities are serious. The veteran population shouldn't be the primary target to raise revenue given the outsized presence of extremely wealthy individuals and multi-million dollar properties.	
06/19/2023 19:03:36	Alan L Lang	Pasadena	21122	Yes	Bill 50-23: Real Property Tax Credits – Disabled Veterans & Surviving Spouses – Retired Veterans	Support	I fully support Bill 50-23. I believe our disabled veterans and retired veterans should receive a discounted property tax for as long as they meet the listed criteria. Their eligibility should not cease after 5 years. Giving them a tax break does not come close to repaying them for the sacrifices they have made for our country. I do have a concern about the proposed change made to subsection (e)(2) of 4-2-317, on page 2, lines 6-7 of the bill. If passed, the surviving spouse would now be eligible for the tax credit from the taxable year after the disabled veteran's death until [s]he remarries. Will this insertion supersede the eligibility criteria listed in subsection (c)(2) of 4-2-317, which requires the federal adjusted gross income of the surviving spouse not to exceed \$100,000? At the very least, it may cause confusion for the applicants and those administering the program. Since subsection (h)(3) of 4-2-317, (page 2, line 18 of the bill), already lists remarriage of the surviving spouse as an eligibility terminating event, I believe the bill should be amended by: • Deleting "UNTIL THE SURVIVING SPOUSE REMARRIES." On page 2, line 6, and •Replacing it with "FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR THAT A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DISABLED VETERAN IS ELIGIBLE UNDER SUBSECTION (C)".	YES
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June 19, 2023

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Upon reading current sections 4-2-317 and 4-2-318, I thought the following was odd:

- Why are surviving spouses of disabled veterans allowed to receive the property tax credits, but surviving spouses of retired veterans are not eligible (or at least not listed as being eligible)?
- Why is the monetary eligibility for disabled veterans having a federal adjusted income less than \$100,000, while the financial eligibility for a retired veteran is having a dwelling whose assessed value is less than or equal to \$500,000?

Based on my current financial situation, I would not qualify if I were a disabled veteran, but I would qualify if I were a retired veteran.

Should someone review this program to see whether these oddities are creating any eligibility hardships for our veterans, especially the surviving spouses of retired veterans?

Once a disabled veteran reaches retirement age (60 for military and 62 for civilians), does the veteran's status automatically change from disabled to retired, and if so, could these differing eligibility standards cause one to lose eligibility?

Once a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran reaches retirement age, would [s]he lose eligibility or would [s]he continue to qualify as a disabled veteran's spouse if [s]he does not remarry?

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Fwd: Testimony in support of Bil 50-23

1 message

Shannon Leadbetter <sleadbetter@aacounty.org>
To: Laura Corby <Lcorby@aacounty.org>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 8:47 AM

Laura,

I received this over the weekend. Is there anything that can be done to help him share?

Thank You,
Shannon

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From:
Date: Sun, Jun 11, 2023 at 1:35 PM
Subject: Testimony in support of Bil 50-23
To: Shannon Leadbetter <sleadbetter@aacounty.org>

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2023,
Legislative Day No. 10 Bill No. 50-23 Introduced by Mr. Volke, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Fiedler, and Mr.
Smith By the County Council, May 15, 2023

After testifying on January 31st at Southern High School in support of modifying the Property Tax
Credit applicable to military veterans in Anne Arundel County, I am delighted Bill No. 50-23 was
introduced by members of the Anne Arundel County Council.

The Bill updates County Code dated to 2005 and uses language which makes clear that retired or
disabled military veterans and surviving spouses are recognized and warrant, by virtue of service
to this country, a credit of county property tax so long as they are eligible, and occupy their primary
dwelling in the county, for up to 50 years.

I am hopeful retired and disabled veterans will respond to this significant property tax credit by
residing in Anne Arundel County, helping to make it The Best Place - for All, as they also honor
Governor Moore's intent to **Keep Our Heroes Home**.

V/r

John Church, Colonel, USAF Retired
Veterans Affairs Commission
District #7

Former Chairman,
Resident of Davidsonville since 1985,