



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair and
Members of the Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Chief of Staff David Morris, Co-Chair, MCPA, Joint Legislative Committee
Sheriff Darren Popkin, Co-Chair, MSA, Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 16, 2022

RE: **HB 461 – Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income**

HB 597 – Income Tax - Subtraction Modifications for Military and Public Safety Retirement Income (Honoring Their Sacrifice Act of 2022)

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT HB 461 and HB 597. These bills expand the current subtraction modification for military and public safety retirement income.

Regardless of the agency or uniform worn, the men and women of the military, law enforcement and public safety have stepped forward on behalf of the citizens of their communities and of our State. Each one has taken an oath, a promise, to put the well-being of others first. As we have seen all too often, these professionals put their lives and safety on the line each shift they work, many being asked to make the ultimate sacrifice. This legislation recognizes and honors the sacrifice of military and public safety officers. MCPA and MSA believe this is warranted and appropriate considering the dangerous work these individuals perform throughout their careers and their dedication to service to and protection of the public.

For this reason, MCPA and MSA SUPPORT HB 461 and HB 597 and urge a FAVORABLE Committee report.