

HOUSE BILL 1611

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By: **Delegate Pippy**

Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2026

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax – Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving**
3 **Spouses – Income Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain income limitation used to establish eligibility for a
5 property tax credit against the county and municipal corporation property tax
6 imposed on the dwelling house of a certain disabled veteran or surviving spouse and
7 instead authorizing the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to
8 establish eligibility criteria that limits the property tax credit based on a disabled
9 veteran’s federal adjusted gross income; and generally relating to a property tax
10 credit for the dwelling house of disabled veterans and surviving spouses.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Tax – Property
13 Section 9–265
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Tax – Property**

19 9–265.

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (2) “Disabled veteran” means an individual who:

22 (i) is honorably discharged or released under honorable
23 circumstances from active military, naval, or air service as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) 1. has been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans
2 Affairs to have a permanent service-connected disability of at least 50% that results from
3 blindness or any other disabling cause that:

4 A. is reasonably certain to continue for the life of the veteran;
5 and

6 B. was not caused or incurred by misconduct of the veteran;
7 or

8 2. has been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans
9 Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from
10 blindness or any other disabling cause that was not caused or incurred by misconduct of
11 the veteran.

12 (3) "Dwelling house":

13 (i) means real property that is:

14 1. the legal residence of a disabled veteran; and

15 2. occupied by not more than two families; and

16 (ii) includes the lot or curtilage and structures necessary to use the
17 real property as a residence.

18 (b) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a
19 county or municipal corporation may grant, by law, a property tax credit under this section
20 against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling house if:

21 (1) the dwelling house is owned by a disabled veteran; **AND**

22 (2) [the disabled veteran's federal adjusted gross income for the
23 immediately preceding taxable year does not exceed \$100,000; and

24 (3)] the application requirements of subsection (d) of this section are met.

25 (c) The property tax credit granted under this section shall equal:

26 (1) 50% of the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the
27 dwelling house if the disabled veteran's service-connected disability rating is at least 75%
28 and the disabled veteran does not qualify for a property tax exemption under § 7-208 of
29 this article; or

30 (2) 25% of the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the
31 dwelling house if the disabled veteran's service-connected disability rating is at least 50%
32 but not more than 74%.

1 (d) (1) A disabled veteran shall apply for the property tax credit under this
2 section by providing to the county or municipal corporation:

3 (i) a copy of the disabled veteran's discharge certificate from active
4 military, naval, or air service; and

5 (ii) on the form provided by the county or municipal corporation, a
6 certification of the disabled veteran's disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans
7 Affairs.

8 (2) The disabled veteran's certificate of disability may not be inspected by
9 individuals other than:

10 (i) the disabled veteran; or

11 (ii) appropriate employees of the county or municipal corporation.

12 (e) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a
13 county or municipal corporation may, by law, continue to provide the property tax credit
14 under this section to the surviving spouse of the disabled veteran.

15 (f) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a
16 county or municipal corporation may provide, by law, for:

17 (1) the duration of the tax credit;

18 (2) **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT THAT LIMITS THE**
19 **CREDIT BASED ON A DISABLED VETERAN'S FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR**
20 **THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TAXABLE YEAR;**

21 (3) regulations and procedures for the application and uniform processing
22 of requests for the tax credit;

23 [(3)] (4) the definition of surviving spouse and the amount and duration
24 of the tax credit for the surviving spouse;

25 [(4)] (5) notwithstanding subsection (a)(2)(ii)2 of this section, eligibility
26 criteria for the credit allowed under this section that limits the credit to individuals
27 described under subsection (a)(2)(ii)1 of this section; and

28 [(5)] (6) any other provision necessary to carry out the tax credit under
29 this section.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
31 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.