

2022 Virginia General Assembly - Military and Veterans Bills - as of 1/14/2022

HOUSE BILL NUMBER	LIS SUMMARY	JLC	COMMITTEE	COMPANION BILL(S)
HB 8 Anderson School security officers; scope of employment, hiring certain veterans	School security officers; scope of employment; certain veterans. Provides that each school security officer, in addition to performing each enumerated duty, is responsible for carrying out any other duty assigned to him by the local school board. The bill permits any local school board or private or religious school to employ as a school security officer any veteran who has served a minimum of 10 years as an active duty member in the Armed Forces of the United States, received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from such service, and meets the Department of Criminal Justice Services' minimum certification and training requirements for school security officers.		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 17 Fowler Military honor guards and veterans service organizations; paramilitary activities, exception	Military honor guards and veterans service organizations; paramilitary activities; exception. Exempts members of a lawfully recognized military color guard, honor guard, or similar organization, and members of a veterans service organization that is congressionally chartered or officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, when such member is participating in a training or education exercise, funeral, or public ceremony on behalf of such military honor guard or veterans service organization, from the crime of unlawful paramilitary activity unless such member engages in such activity with malicious intent	2022-03	<i>Pending</i>	SB618
HB 40 Scott Disabled veteran special license plate; transferral to surviving spouse	Disabled veteran special license plate; surviving spouse. Authorizes a disabled veteran special license plate issued to a disabled veteran to be transferred, upon his death, to his unremarried surviving spouse.		<i>Pending</i>	

HB 68 Scott Voter registration; presumption of domicile, members of a uniformed service and others	Voter registration; presumption of domicile; members of a uniformed service and others. Provides that a member of a uniformed service who is on active duty with permanent orders stationing him in the Commonwealth shall be presumed to have established domicile for purposes of satisfying the residency requirements for voter registration, if he has also established physical presence and a place of abode in the Commonwealth, unless he expressly states otherwise. The bill provides for the same presumption for his spouse and any dependent residing with him. The bill defines "uniformed service," the same way the term is defined in the Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act, as the (i) active and reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States; (ii) Merchant Marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, or commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; or (iii) Virginia		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 115 Wiley Disabled veterans; special hunting and fishing license	Special hunting and fishing license for disabled veterans; 50 percent disabled. Authorizes any resident veteran who has a service-connected disability of 50 percent or more to receive at no cost from the Department of Wildlife Resources a lifetime license to hunt and freshwater fish. Current law authorizes the provision of such license at no cost to a veteran who is totally and permanently disabled and at half-cost to a veteran who is 70 percent disabled.		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 120 Wyatt Disabled veterans, certain; special hunting and fishing license	Special hunting and fishing license for certain disabled veterans. Authorizes resident veterans who have a service-connected disability of at least 30 percent to receive from the Department of Wildlife Resources, at no cost or a reduced cost depending on the veteran's disability rating, a lifetime license to hunt and freshwater fish. Current law authorizes the provision of such license at no cost to a veteran who is totally and permanently disabled and at half-cost to a veteran who is 70 percent disabled.		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 132 Cherry Disabled Veteran's Passport; expands program to all veterans with service-connected disability	State parks; Disabled Veteran's Passport. Expands the Disabled Veteran's Passport program to all U.S. veterans with a service-connected disability. Currently, a veteran must be 100 percent disabled to be eligible for the program, which provides free entry into state parks and a 50 percent discount on camping and swimming fees, picnic shelter rentals, and other equipment rentals provided by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.		<i>Pending</i>	

HB 168 Marshall License plates, special; issuance to members of United States Air Force	Special license plates; United States Air Force. Authorizes the issuance of special license plates with a design that incorporates the emblem of the United States Air Force to active members and certain veterans of the United States Air Force. The bill provides that unremarried surviving spouses of such service members may also be issued such special license plates.		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 210 Brewer Department of Military Affairs; institutions of higher education; recruitment	Department of Military Affairs; institutions of higher education; recruitment. Authorizes the Department of Military Affairs to utilize grant funding for which active members of the Virginia National Guard who attend any public institution of higher education or accredited nonprofit private institution of higher education and meet other certain requirements are eligible under current law in order to recruit qualified applicants for service in the Virginia National Guard. The bill states that the yearly funding amount for such recruitment shall be at the discretion of the Adjutant General and the Department of Military Affairs and not exceed \$50,000 per fiscal year		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 230 Coyner Teachers; licensure by reciprocity for military spouses, timeline for determination	Applications for teacher licensure by reciprocity; military spouses; timeline for determination. Requires the Board of Education's licensure regulations to provide for licensure by reciprocity for any spouse of an active duty or reserve member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a member of the Virginia National Guard who has obtained a valid out-of-state license, with full credentials and without deficiencies, that is in force at the time the application for a Virginia license is received by the Department of Education. Current law requires such regulations to provide for licensure by reciprocity for any spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Commonwealth. The bill requires such an individual to submit an official copy of the military permanent assignment orders of the individual's spouse as part of the complete application packet. The bill requires the Department to determine and communicate such individual's eligibility for licensure by reciprocity within 15 business days of receipt of the complete application packet		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 231 Orrock Military personnel; increases days for leaves of absence	Military personnel; leaves of absence. Increases, from 15 to 21 days, the number of days a member of the armed services, reserves, National Guard, Virginia Defense Force, or National Defense Executive Reserve shall be entitled to paid leave for military duties. The bill applies only to individuals who are employed by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth.		<i>Pending</i>	

HB 233 Orrock Income tax subtraction; National Guard	Income tax subtraction; National Guard. Increases from \$3,000 to \$5,000 the income tax subtraction for wages or salaries of a member of the National Guard of the Commonwealth. The bill also expands the military ranks that qualify for the subtraction from O3 and below to O6 and below	2022-07	<i>Pending</i>	
HB 290 Freitas Income tax, state and corporate; tax credit for employers of National Guard members	Individual and corporate income tax credit; employers of National Guard members and self-employed National Guard members. Provides for taxable years 2022 through 2026 a nonrefundable tax credit against individual and corporate income taxes for (i) wages paid by an employer to an employee who is a Virginia National Guard member or (ii) income of a self-employed Virginia National Guard member attributable to his business. The bill provides that the amount of the credit is 25 percent if such member was in a military pay status for 65 days or more during the taxable year or 15 percent if such member was in a military pay status for 45 to 64 days during the taxable year. The credit is not allowed if such member was in a military pay status for fewer than 45 days during the taxable year	2022-05	<i>Pending</i>	
HB 354 Tata Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund; created	Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund. Establishes the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Fund (the Fund) to support military communities in the Commonwealth by awarding grants to aid the planning and design, construction, or completion of infrastructure projects that enhance military readiness, installation resiliency, or quality of life for fenceline communities. The bill directs the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs to develop guidance and criteria to be used in awarding grants from the Fund and an annual grant application that sets out certain requirements for a grantee		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 358 McGuire Veteran-owned small businesses; waiving of fees	Veteran-owned small businesses; waiving of fees. Directs the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, in conjunction with the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, to examine the waiving of fees associated with permits necessary to establish a small business for veteran-owned small businesses		<i>Pending</i>	

HB 403 Willett Department of Veterans Services; Mental Health Care Coordinator; position created; report	Department of Veterans Services; Mental Health Care Coordinator; position created; report. Establishes the position of Mental Health Care Coordinator (the Coordinator) in the Department of Veterans Services to support and closely coordinate effective mental health care services for military service members and veterans and their families. The bill directs the Coordinator to report by December 1 of each year through the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Governor, and the General Assembly on the work of the Coordinator and any legislative recommendations.	2022-01	<i>Pending</i>	
HB 411 Ballard personnel; free admittance to state parks, museums, and cultural institutions	Military personnel; free admittance to state parks, museums, and cultural institutions. Provides free access to state parks, museums, and cultural institutions to active duty and reserved members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents.		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 432 Sewell Department of Veterans Services; plan for establishment of a veterans care center in the eastern	Department of Veterans Services; plan for establishment of a veterans care center in the eastern portion of the Northern Virginia region; report. Directs the Department of Veterans Services to study and develop a plan for the establishment of a veterans care center in the eastern portion of the Northern Virginia region and to report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health regarding such plan by November 1, 2022		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 487 Helmer State park fees; Virginia National Guard and Virginia Air National Guard	State park fees; Virginia National Guard and Virginia Air National Guard. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a policy that entitles any active duty member of the Virginia National Guard or the Virginia Air National Guard, and the accompanying spouse or dependent of such person, to pay no fees for access or parking at state parks.	2022-06	<i>Pending</i>	

HB 642 Carr Department of Military Affairs; health care premium payments for certain service members	<p>Department of Military Affairs; health care premium payments for certain service members. Provides that if the Governor has declared a state of emergency that activated the Virginia National Guard or the Virginia Defense Force, then the Department of Military Affairs (the Department) is authorized to pay, for any service member of the Virginia National Guard or the Virginia Defense Force that was called to state active duty under a declaration of a state of emergency for at least 14 consecutive days, the portion of the premium for such service member's health care coverage previously paid by the service member's employer, provided that the service member provides satisfactory evidence to the Department demonstrating that (i) immediately prior to being called to state active duty, the service member was employed and received health care coverage through his employer, (ii) the employer paid a premium to maintain the service member's health care coverage, and (iii) as a result of the service member's state active duty status, the employer is no longer paying such premium.</p>		<p><i>Pending</i></p>	
HB 666 Wampler State park fees; active duty military and veterans	<p>State park fees; active duty military and veterans. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a policy that entitles any veteran or person on active duty military service to pay no fee for access, entry, or parking at a state park, and to receive a 50 percent discount for various park services and amenities.</p>		<p><i>Pending</i></p>	

HB 857 Reid Virginia National Guard; institutions of higher education, tuition grants	<p>Virginia National Guard; institutions of higher education; tuition grants. Adds parameters around grants distributed by the Department of Military Affairs (the Department) to members of the Virginia National Guard that are enrolled in any course or program at any public institution of higher education or accredited nonprofit private institution of higher education. The bill provides that an application for a grant shall be made to the Department no later than 30 days prior to the beginning of an academic semester. The bill provides that the Department shall determine whether an applicant is eligible for the grant and communicate acceptance and any additional requirements determined by the Department in writing no later than 30 days after receipt of an application. The bill requires individuals that are eligible for such grants to satisfy all financial obligations with the institution and provide written proof of acceptable academic performance and good standing for the current term no later than 30 days following the end of a term or semester. The bill provides that individuals receiving grants pursuant to the bill shall incur a single two-year service obligation to the Virginia National Guard and that this two-year obligation commences on the last day of the last term or semester for which tuition assistance was awarded.</p>		<p><i>Pending</i></p>	
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HB 880 Lopez Elections; electronic return of voted military-overseas ballots; pilot program.	<p>Elections; electronic return of voted military-overseas ballots; pilot program. Directs the Commissioner of Elections to establish and supervise a pilot program by which an overseas voter who is a registered voter of a county or city participating in the pilot program may return his voted military-overseas ballot by electronic means. The Commissioner is required by the bill to promulgate standards and develop procedures for the secure transmission and return, storage, and processing of voted military-overseas ballots, including security measures, methods for verifying and authenticating a voter's identity, and encryption methods for the voted ballots. Counties and cities participating in the pilot program are required under the bill to participate in a security review after each election. In each year of the pilot program, the bill requires the Commissioner to conduct a security assessment and update the security measures for the pilot program. The bill also requires that voters eligible to return their military-overseas ballots by electronic means through the pilot program be permitted to sign the statement of voter and any other documents related to absentee voting using the digital signature associated with their respective Common Access Cards issued by the U.S. Department of Defense. The bill provides that the pilot program is in effect for elections held on and after January 1, 2023. The Commissioner is required by the bill to submit a report on or before December 1, 2027, on the outcomes of the pilot program and to include a recommendation on whether to implement the electronic return of voted military-overseas ballots on a permanent, statewide basis. The bill has an expiration date of December 31, 2027.</p>		<p><i>Pending</i></p>	
HB 1035 Guzman State parks; free entry for veterans	<p>State parks; free entry for veterans. Establishes a Veteran's Passport program for veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States or members of the Virginia National Guard that entitles the bearer to enter state parks in the Commonwealth without the payment of a parking or admission fee.</p>		<p><i>Pending</i></p>	

HB 1041 Guzman Public institutions of higher education; in-state tuition; children of active duty service members	Public institutions of higher education; in-state tuition; children of active duty service members or veterans. Provides that any child of an active duty service member or veteran who claims Virginia as his home state and filed Virginia tax returns for at least two years during active duty service is eligible for in-state tuition charges, regardless of domicile. Under current law, any such child is eligible for in-state tuition charges if such service member or veteran claims Virginia as his home state and filed Virginia tax returns for at least 10 years during active duty service.		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 1044 Guzman Burial fees for military spouses	Burial fees for military spouses. Provides that, from such funds as may be appropriated, the Commonwealth shall pay the burial fees for any spouse or surviving spouse of an active duty member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces buried at a veterans cemetery operated by the Department of Veterans Services.	2022-04	<i>Pending</i>	
HB 1045 Guzman Income tax subtraction; veteran retirement compensation	Income tax subtraction; veteran retirement compensation. Provides an individual income tax subtraction for certain amounts of the annual retirement compensation received by a veteran who is at least 65 years old for service as a member of the United States Armed Forces. The subtraction is equal to up to \$10,000 in annual retirement compensation for taxable year 2022, up to \$20,000 in taxable year 2023, up to \$30,000 in taxable year 2024, and up to \$40,000 for taxable year 2025 and thereafter		<i>Pending</i>	Similar to SB381
HB 1069 Cordoza Income tax subtraction; veteran retirement compensation	Income tax subtraction; veteran retirement compensation. Provides an individual income tax subtraction for up to \$40,000 of the amount of annual retirement compensation received by a veteran for service as a member of the United States Armed Forces, a reservist in the United States Armed Forces, or a member of the Virginia National Guard.		<i>Pending</i>	
HB 1128 McGuire Income tax; military benefits subtraction; emergency	Income tax; military benefits subtraction; emergency. Establishes an income tax subtraction for up to \$20,000 of military benefits in taxable year 2021, up to \$30,000 in taxable year 2022, and up to \$40,000 in taxable year 2023 and each year thereafter. The bill defines military benefits to include military retirement income and benefits paid to the surviving spouse of a veteran. The bill contains an emergency clause.		<i>Pending</i>	SB528

HB 1168 Watts Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans and surviving spouses	Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. Provides that a person who is eligible for the real property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses is entitled to a refund, retroactive to his date of eligibility, of taxes paid during the period of exemption, excluding interest or penalties. Under the bill, the refund is exempt from the statute of limitations for applications for correction of an assessment.		<i>Pending</i>	
HJ 78 Reid State Funeral; World War II Medal of Honor recipient	State Funeral; World War II Medal of Honor recipient. Memorializing the President of the United States to designate a single state funeral to be held upon the death of the last living Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.		<i>Pending</i>	
HJ 79 Reid Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses	Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax exemption; surviving spouses of certain members of the armed forces. Provides that the General Assembly may by general law exempt from taxation the real property of a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who died in the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Under a current constitutional provision, only the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who was killed in action is eligible for the real property tax exemption.		<i>Pending</i>	
HJ 83 Tran Constitutional amendment (first reference); taxation; property tax exemption; surviving spouses	Constitutional amendment (first reference); taxation; property tax exemption; surviving spouses of soldiers killed in the line of duty. Amends the Constitution of Virginia by allowing localities to exempt from the real property tax of any surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in the line of duty with a line of duty determination as determined by the United States Department of Defense who occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence. Under current law, the exemption is only available to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who was killed in action		<i>Pending</i>	

HJ 96 Wyatt Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax; exemption	Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax; exemption for certain surviving spouses of members of the armed forces. Authorizes the General Assembly to exempt from tax the real property of a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who died in the line of duty while performing official military activities. The amendment provides that such exemption is only available when the death of such member of the armed forces did not result from criminal conduct. The current Constitution exempts the real property of a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who was killed in action, a disabled veteran, and the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran.	2022-02	<i>Pending</i>	SJ19
HJ 97 Walker Commending the Monument Terrace "Support Our Troops" rallies	Commending the Monument Terrace "Support Our Troops" rallies.			
SENATE BILL NUMBER	LIS SUMMARY	JLC	COMMITTEE	COMPANION BILL(S)
SB 71 Ruff Virginia National Guard; institutions of higher education, tuition grants	Virginia National Guard; institutions of higher education; tuition grants. Adds parameters around grants distributed by the Department of Military Affairs (the Department) to members of the Virginia National Guard that are enrolled in any course or program at any public institution of higher education or accredited nonprofit private institution of higher education.		<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	

SB 154 Locke Teachers; licensure by reciprocity for military spouses, timeline for determination	<p>Applications for teacher licensure by reciprocity; military spouses; timeline for determination. Requires the Board of Education's licensure regulations to provide for licensure by reciprocity for any spouse of an active duty or reserve member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a member of the Virginia National Guard who has obtained a valid out-of-state license, with full credentials and without deficiencies, that is in force at the time the application for a Virginia license is received by the Department of Education. Current law requires such regulations to provide for licensure by reciprocity for any spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Commonwealth. The bill requires such an individual to submit an official copy of the military permanent assignment orders of the individual's spouse as part of the complete application packet. The bill requires the Department to determine and communicate such individual's eligibility for licensure by reciprocity within 15 business days of receipt of the complete application packet.</p>		<p><i>Committee on Education and Health</i></p>	
SB 212 Kiggans Special license plates; United States Navy; Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund	<p>Special license plates; United States Navy; Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund. Authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates with a design that incorporates the emblem of the United States Navy to active members and certain veterans of the United States Navy. The bill provides that unremarried surviving spouses of such service members may also be issued such special license plates. The bill creates the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund to utilize funds from the license plate fees to support the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in Virginia</p>		<p><i>Committee on Transportation</i></p>	
SB 256 Bell Department of Military Affairs; institutions of higher education; recruitment.	<p>Department of Military Affairs; institutions of higher education; recruitment. Authorizes the Department of Military Affairs to utilize grant funding for which active members of the Virginia National Guard who attend any public institution of higher education or accredited nonprofit private institution of higher education and meet other certain requirements are eligible under current law in order to recruit qualified applicants for service in the Virginia National Guard. The bill states that the yearly funding amount for such recruitment shall be at the discretion of the Adjutant General and the Department of Military Affairs and not exceed \$50,000 per fiscal year.</p>		<p><i>Committee on Education and Health</i></p>	

SB 315 Spruill Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund	Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund. Establishes the Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Fund (the Fund) to support military communities in the Commonwealth by awarding grants to aid the planning and design, construction, or completion of infrastructure projects that enhance military readiness, installation resiliency, or quality of life for fenceline communities. The bill directs the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs to develop guidance and criteria to be used in awarding grants from the Fund and an annual grant application that sets out certain requirements for a grantee.		<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	
SB 360 Stuart State subsidy of property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and surviving spouses	State subsidy of property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. Requires the Commonwealth to subsidize local real estate tax relief for disabled veterans and surviving spouses of members of the United States Armed Forces killed in action when more than one percent of a locality's real estate tax base is lost due to such state-mandated tax relief programs. The Commonwealth would subsidize only that portion of tax-exempt real estate that exceeds the one percent threshold.		<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	
SB 381 McDougle Income tax; military retirement income subtraction	Income tax; military retirement income subtraction. Exempts, beginning with taxable year 2022, up to \$40,000 of military retirement income of a veteran who is at least 55 years old and who was honorably discharged after active duty service in the Armed Forces of the United States, its reserve components, or the National Guard of Virginia or any other state		<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	Similar to HB1045
SB 528 Reeves Income tax; military benefits subtraction; emergency	Income tax; military benefits subtraction; emergency. Establishes an income tax subtraction for up to \$20,000 of military benefits in taxable year 2021, up to \$30,000 in taxable year 2022, and up to \$40,000 in taxable year 2023 and each year thereafter. The bill defines military benefits to include military retirement income and benefits paid to the surviving spouse of a veteran. The bill contains an emergency clause.		<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	HB112
SB 529 Reeves Board of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program; Armed Forces.	Board of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program; Armed Forces. Directs the Board of Education (the Board) to amend its regulations to permit all active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States who serve as caregivers to dependents to apply for the Child Care Subsidy Program. The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.		<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	

SB 572 Kiggans Veteran-owned small businesses; waiving of fees	Veteran-owned small businesses; waiving of fees. Directs the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, in conjunction with the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, to examine the waiving of fees associated with permits necessary to establish a small business for veteran-owned small businesses.		<i>Committee on General Laws and Technology</i>	
SB 586 Chase Income tax; military benefits subtraction; emergency	Income tax; military benefits subtraction; emergency. Establishes an income tax subtraction for up to \$20,000 of military benefits in taxable year 2021, up to \$30,000 in taxable year 2022, and up to \$40,000 in taxable year 2023 and each year thereafter. The bill defines military benefits to include military retirement income and benefits paid to the surviving spouse of a veteran. The bill contains an emergency clause.		<i>Committee on Finance and Appropriations</i>	SB528, HB112
SB 618 Stuart Military honor guards and veterans service organizations	Military honor guards and veterans service organizations; paramilitary activities; exception. Exempts members of a lawfully recognized military color guard, honor guard, or similar organization, and members of a veterans service organization that is congressionally chartered or officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, when such member is participating in a training or education exercise, funeral, or public ceremony on behalf of such military honor guard or veterans service organization, from the crime of unlawful paramilitary activity unless such member engages in such activity with malicious intent.	2022-03	<i>Committee on the Judiciary</i>	HB17
SJ 19 Reeves Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax; exemption	Constitutional amendment (first reference); real property tax; exemption for certain surviving spouses of members of the armed forces. Authorizes the General Assembly to exempt from tax the real property of a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who died in the line of duty while performing official military activities. The amendment provides that such exemption is only available when the death of such member of the armed forces did not result from criminal conduct. The current Constitution exempts the real property of a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who was killed in action, a disabled veteran, and the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran	2022-02	<i>Committee on Privileges and Elections</i>	HJ96