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By: **Delegate Wilson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax Checkoff – Maryland Veterans Trust Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions
4 to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a
5 checkoff on the individual income tax return; providing that the income tax checkoff
6 include a certain statement; requiring the Comptroller to include certain information
7 in each individual income tax return package; requiring the Comptroller to collect
8 and account for contributions made through the checkoff and to credit the proceeds
9 to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff;
10 providing that the Fund may consist of certain contributions from the income tax
11 checkoff; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income
12 tax checkoff for contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Tax – General

15 Section 2–116 and 10–804(l)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

19 Article – State Government

20 Section 9–913(e), (f), (h), and (i)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Government
3 Section 9–913(g)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Tax – General**

9 **2–116.**

10 (A) (1) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL INCLUDE ON THE INDIVIDUAL
11 INCOME TAX RETURN FORM A CHECKOFF DESIGNATED AS THE “MARYLAND
12 VETERANS TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTION”.

13 (2) THE CHECKOFF SHALL STATE THAT:

14 (I) THE INDIVIDUAL, OR EACH SPOUSE IN THE CASE OF A JOINT
15 RETURN, MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND THE
16 AMOUNT DESIGNATED BY THE INDIVIDUAL; AND

17 (II) 1. THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL DEDUCT THE AMOUNT OF THE
18 CONTRIBUTION FROM ANY REFUND TO WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED; OR

19 2. IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ENTITLED TO A REFUND,
20 THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL ADD THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE INCOME
21 TAX TO BE PAID WITH THE RETURN.

22 (3) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL INCLUDE, WITH THE INDIVIDUAL
23 INCOME TAX RETURN PACKAGE, A DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE
24 MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND WAS ESTABLISHED AND THE PURPOSES FOR
25 WHICH THE FUND MAY BE USED.

26 (B) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL:

27 (1) COLLECT THE CHECKOFF CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOUNT TO THE
28 STATE TREASURER FOR THE MONEY COLLECTED;

29 (2) FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS COLLECTED, DISTRIBUTE THE
30 AMOUNT NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE CHECKOFF TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE COST
31 ACCOUNT; AND

1 **(3) THE NET PROCEEDS FROM CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE INCOME**
2 **TAX CHECKOFF ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-116 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE.**

3 (h) Money in the Fund may only be used to:

4 (1) make grants and loans under § 9-914.2(a)(3) of this subtitle;

5 (2) be invested under § 9-914.3(b) of this subtitle; and

6 (3) pay the costs of administering the Fund through distribution to an
7 administrative cost account in the Department.

8 (i) Money expended from the Fund is not intended to take the place of funding
9 that would otherwise be appropriated to the Department.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2021, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.