

Status of JLC 2023 Approved Initiatives – as of January 13, 2023

| Initiative | JLC Recommendation | VSO | Bill Number and Patron |
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| JLC 2023-01 <i>Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members to also include “Died in the Line-of-Duty”</i> | That the Governor and General Assembly reform the Virginia state law, Tax Relief for Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces “Killed in Action” through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to include <i>died on active duty</i> in the section that addresses surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action. | MOAA | HJ533 (Delegate Tran) SJ231 (Senator McPike) |
| JLC 2023-02 <i>Real Property Tax Exemption Effective Date</i> | That the Governor and General Assembly Amend the Veteran Real Property Tax law to make explicit that local jurisdictions must provide a veteran or surviving spouse the exemption as far back as the veteran or surviving spouse is eligible, but not earlier than January 1, 2011, regardless of when the veteran or surviving spouse applies. | ROA | HB1470 (Delegate Watts) HB2361 (Delegate Wiley) |
| JLC 2023-03 <i>Removal of Age Requirement Income Tax Subtraction</i> | That the Governor and General Assembly remove the 55-year age limitation on exemption of military retirement income from state tax | AL / AUSA | HB1436 (Delegate McGuire) HB1690 (Delegate Greenhalgh) SB1194 (Senator Reeves) |
| JLC 2023-04 <i>Appropriate \$400,000 (GF) for State Veterans Cemeteries; Eliminate Spouse/Dependent and Guard/Reserve Burial Fees</i> | That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate an additional \$400,000 (GF) to the Department of Veterans Services so that the spouse and Guard/Reserve burial charges may be eliminated at Virginia State Veterans Cemeteries, and that Virginia work with Congress to secure the funding (in the VA budget) to extend the VA plot allowance to spouses at all state veterans cemeteries nationwide. | FRA | HB1565 (Delegate Convirs-Fowler) HB2362 (Delegate Wiley) SB924 (Senator DeSteph) HB1400/SB800 (Budget Bills), Item 471 (Governor’s Introduced Budget). \$400,000 GF increase to eliminate spouse/dependent and guard/reserve burial fees. |
| JLC 2023-05 <i>Virginia National Guard State Park Admission</i> | That the Governor and General Assembly grant free admission to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard. | VNGA | HB1388 (Delegate Fowler) SB915 (Senator Morrissey) HB1400/SB800 (Budget Bills), Item 375 (Governor’s Introduced Budget). \$20,000 GF increase to offset decreased operating revenue. |
| JLC 2023-06 <i>Virginia National Guard Income Tax Exemption</i> | That the Governor and General Assembly adjust increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and increase the pay grade eligibility to LTC (O5 pay grade). | VNGA | SB1210 (Senator Mason) |