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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Position Paper 2023-03

Income Tax Subtraction Removal of Age Requirement

OBJECTIVE:

Amend and reenact § 58.1-322.02 of the Code of Virginia to correct and remove 55-year-old age requirement.

BACKGROUND:

Beginning in 2023, Virginia veterans over the age of 55 years old will receive partial subtraction of their military retirement from state income taxes, an historic step by the General Assembly and Governor. The objective of this initiative is to remove the age limitation of 55-years old.

DISCUSSION:

- a. In 2022, § 58.1-322.02 of the Code of Virginia was amended by the General Assembly and reenacted to exempt from State income tax recipients of such military benefits that are age 55 or older.
- **b.** Most Virginia veterans work civilian jobs and otherwise produce taxable income, and persons under 55 years old most likely will be working in civilian jobs. We ask that Virginia sent the message to the veterans in its population that it leads the Country as veteran friendly.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and General Assembly remove the 55-year limitation on exemption of military retirement income from state tax.