

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Personnel

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Our bulletin offers up-to-date information on legislation that the MSFA is tracking. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the listed legislation, please contact us via phone or e-mail. Also, before addressing any Legislative matters, please contact the Legislative Committee so that we can keep the goals of the Maryland State Firemen's Association in the forefront.

We are here to assist with questions or concerns relating to the status of any particular piece of legislation. Should you have any information on issues of special interest to the Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services, please let us know.

The MSFA Legislative Office phone number is 410-974-2222.

Our e-mail address is msfaleg@msfa.org. If you need to speak with the Chairman, please contact:

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PLEASE SEND A REQUEST TO TERESA ANN CRISMAN AT
tacrisman@co.pg.md.us SO YOU CAN BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST.**

To find information on a bill, go to <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>, page down to "Bill Information and Status" then enter HB (House Bill) number or SB (Senate Bill) number, then press enter.

Thank you for your support.

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The Maryland State Legislature has enacted a new online forum we request that you make yourself familiarize with the new system that has been introduced and that you register to keep current. You make go online to <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite>

To register you will see the following header.

There is a system tutorial that will give you a brief overview of the new system. The system is very easy to navigate but you will need to view the new site to understand the important changes that they have made to the system.

The screenshot shows the top portion of the Maryland General Assembly website. At the top left is the logo for the Maryland General Assembly. To the right is a search bar with the placeholder text "i.e. Bill search, keyword" and a search icon. Further right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and a "MY MGA" logo. Below this is a navigation menu with the following items: MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, LEGISLATION, BUDGET, LAWS, FLOOR ACTIONS, and SEARCH & ARCHIVES. A large blue banner features a laptop with a play button icon and the text "VIDEO TUTORIALS" and "Video Tutorials to learn how to use the MGA website". To the right of the banner is a vertical list of links: Website Training, Committee Witness Guidelines, Video Tutorials, and Bill Tracking. Below this is a yellow bar labeled "Session Information". Underneath is a "Status" section with two columns: "Senate Adjourned until Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM" and "House Adjourned until Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM". To the right of these columns is a "Countdown to Sine Die" timer showing 88 Days, 15 Hours, 21 Minutes, and 26 Seconds.

This is a close-up view of the website header. It shows the text "Legislative Services | Legislative Audits" at the top. Below this are several icons: a search icon, a Facebook icon, a Twitter icon, and the "MY MGA" logo. A red circle is drawn around the "MY MGA" logo. A large orange arrow points from the right towards the "MY MGA" logo, with the text "Register Here" written inside the arrow.



View from 17 State Circle

The Maryland State Firemen's Association
Cordially Invites You and Your Staff
to attend our Annual Legislative Reception

January 14, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
at the

Senate Office Building
Miller Office Conference Center
West Room One
Annapolis, MD



Michael Faust, MSFA President
Lori Denbow, LAMSFA President

MSFA Bills of Interest
(January 9, 2020)

There have been **132 Senate Bills** and **75 House Bills** introduced to date.

We are currently tracking the following **4** bills.

The MSFA stance on these bills will be determined later. A breakdown of these bills are as follows:

MONITORING THE FOLLOWING: Important Status Change has been announced hearing dates, please see below for updated status changes and committee work to perspective bills.

Please also note that the hyperlinks are not attaching and that you will need to right click on the link to have it redirected to the state site.

Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
HB0006 (SB0061)	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Fees - Audits	Delegate Krebs	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations	
HB0044 (SB0047)	Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Extension and Alteration	Delegate Krebs	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations	
SB0047 (HB0044)	Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Extension and Alteration	Senator Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance 1/30/2020 - 2:00 PM	
SB0061 (HB0006)	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Fees - Audits	Senator Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 1/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 1/15/2020 - 1:00 PM	