

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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## LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN NO. 5

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.

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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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**MSFA Bills of Interest**  
(February 6, 2020)

There have been **1035 Senate Bills** and **1200 House Bills** introduced to date.

We are currently tracking the following **41** bills.

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

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

<b>Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Org Committees &amp; Hearings</b>	<b>Opp Committees &amp; Hearings</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB0042</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0067</u></a> )	Public Information Act - Applications for Inspection - Responses and Time Limits	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Guyton</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 2/11/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0153</u></a>	Public Safety - Maryland Building Performance Standards	<a href="#"><u>Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Environment and Transportation</u></a> 2/04/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0586</u></a>	Public Safety - Criminal History Records Check - Fire Departments, Rescue Squads, and Ambulance Services	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Bartlett</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judiciary</u></a> 2/11/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0067</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0042</u></a> )	Public Information Act – Applications for Inspection – Responses and Time Limits	<a href="#"><u>Senator West</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 3/10/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0454</u></a>	Public Safety – Mandatory Mental Health Training – First Responders and Law Enforcement Officers	<a href="#"><u>Senator Pinsky</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/13 at 12:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judicial Proceedings</u></a> 2/13/2020 - 12:00 PM	

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<a href="#"><u>HB0006</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0061</u></a> )	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Fees - Audits	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Krebs</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 1/29/2020 - 2:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0044</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0047</u></a> )	Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Extension and Alteration	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Krebs</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 1/29/2020 - 2:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0130</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0319</u></a> )	Vehicle Laws - Move Over Safety Monitoring System - Authorization	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Healey</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Environment and Transportation</u></a> 2/06/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0175</u></a>	Public Safety - State Fire Marshal - Explosives License	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Charkoudian</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judiciary</u></a> 1/28/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0350</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0269</u></a> )	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Correctional Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel (Hometown Heroes Act)	<a href="#"><u>Speaker</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/14/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0408</u></a>	Public Utilities - Gas Service Regulator Safety (Flower Branch Act)	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Charkoudian</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Economic Matters</u></a> 2/13/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0424</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0447</u></a> )	Public Health - Products Containing a Flame-Retardant Chemical	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Cullison</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 2/12/2020 - 1:00 PM	

<a href="#"><u>HB0769</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0133</u></a> )	Education - High School Students - Graduation and Attendance Credit for Vocational Training	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Adams</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/19/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0823</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0746</u></a> )	State Fire Marshal – Sprinkler Systems Enforcement	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Stein</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Environment and Transportation</u></a> 2/25/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0047</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0044</u></a> )	Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Extension and Alteration	<a href="#"><u>Senator Kagan</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	<a href="#"><u>Finance</u></a> 1/30/2020 - 2:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB0061</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0006</u></a> )	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Fees - Audits	<a href="#"><u>Senator Kagan</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/15 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Budget and Taxation</u></a> 1/15/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0080</u></a>	Maryland Intrastate Emergency Management Assistance Compact	<a href="#"><u>Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 1/15/2020 - 3:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB0081</u></a>	State Government - Emergency Management - Continuity Planning	<a href="#"><u>Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 1/15/2020 - 3:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB0133</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0769</u></a> )	Education - High School Students - Graduation and Attendance Credit for Vocational Training	<a href="#"><u>Senator West</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 2/04/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0269</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0350</u></a> )	Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Correctional Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel	<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Budget and Taxation</u></a> 2/05/2020 - 2:00 PM	

	(Hometown Heroes Act)				
<a href="#">SB0319</a> ( <a href="#">HB0130</a> )	Vehicle Laws - Move Over Safety Monitoring System - Authorization	<a href="#">Senator Bailey</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a> 2/06/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0447</a> ( <a href="#">HB0424</a> )	Public Health - Products Containing a Flame-Retardant Chemical	<a href="#">Senator Guzzone</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Finance</a> 2/13/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0746</a> ( <a href="#">HB0823</a> )	State Fire Marshal – Sprinkler Systems Enforcement	<a href="#">Senator Beidle</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a> 3/05/2020 - 1:00 PM	

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<a href="#">HB0420</a> ( <a href="#">SB0303</a> )	Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Definition	<a href="#">Delegate Ebersole</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> 2/11/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0486</a>	Corporal William Kyle Ferrell Emergency Vehicle Safety Act	<a href="#">Delegate Cox</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a> 2/20/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0562</a>	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Personnel (First Responders Tax Benefit Act)	<a href="#">Delegate Cox</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> 2/14/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0578</a>	State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Participation in Program -	<a href="#">Delegate Cox</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Appropriations</a> 2/18/2020 - 1:00 PM	

	Volunteer First Responders				
<a href="#"><u>HB0581</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0420</u></a> )	Public Safety - Fire Fighting Foam and PFAS Chemicals	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Love</u></a>	In the House - Hearing canceled	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>HB0619</u></a>	Environment - Use of Fire-Fighting Foam Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances - Prohibition	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Young, P.</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 2/12/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0779</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0777</u></a> )	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters and Emergency Medical Services Providers - Reimbursement	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Hornberger</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>HB0898</u></a>	Protective Body Armor Fund - Expansion - First Responders	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Hartman</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judiciary</u></a> 2/25/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0303</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0420</u></a> )	Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Definition	<a href="#"><u>Senator Bailey</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Budget and Taxation</u></a> 2/05/2020 - 2:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0330</u></a>	Civil Actions - Defenses - Fireman's Rule	<a href="#"><u>Senator Waldstreicher</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 12:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judicial Proceedings</u></a> 2/12/2020 - 12:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0420</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0581</u></a> )	Public Safety - Fire Fighting Foam and PFAS Chemicals	<a href="#"><u>Senator Elfreth</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 2/11/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0488</u></a>	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military and Public Safety Retirement Income	<a href="#"><u>Senator Peters</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Budget and Taxation</u></a> 2/12/2020 - 2:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0777</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0779</u></a> )	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters and Emergency	<a href="#"><u>Senator Gallion</u></a>	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	<a href="#"><u>Finance</u></a>	

	Medical Services Providers - Reimbursement				
<a href="#"><u>SJ0005</u></a>	Congressional Action - Surprise Billing - Air Ambulance	<a href="#"><u>Senator Kelley</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Finance</u></a> 2/26/2020 - 1:00 PM	

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<a href="#"><u>HB0544</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0288</u></a> )	City of Annapolis - Housing Authority - Prohibitions Against Exceptions to Local Laws	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Henson</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation	<a href="#"><u>Environment and Transportation</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>HB0810</u></a>	Workers' Compensation - Washington County - Volunteer Company - Fire and Rescue Academy Student	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Wivell</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Economic Matters</u></a> 3/03/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0288</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0544</u></a> )	City of Annapolis - Housing Authority - Prohibitions Against Exceptions to Local Laws	<a href="#"><u>Senator Elfreth</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 2/05/2020 - 2:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0753</u></a>	Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact - City of Laurel	<a href="#"><u>Senator Rosapepe</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 3/04/2020 - 1:00 PM	