

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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## LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN NO. 8

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 27, 2020)

There have been **1274 Senate Bills** and **1837 House Bills** introduced to date.

We are currently tracking the following **54** 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>HB0486</u></a>	Corporal William Kyle Ferrell Emergency Vehicle Safety Act	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Cox</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Environment and Transportation</u></a> 2/20/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0586</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB1008</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>HB1470</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0454</u></a> )	First Responders - Mandatory Mental Health Training	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Williams</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judiciary</u></a> 3/10/2020 - 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> ( <a href="#"><u>HB1470</u></a> )	Public Safety – Mandatory Mental Health Training –	<a href="#"><u>Senator Pinsky</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing	<a href="#"><u>Judicial Proceedings</u></a>	

	First Responders and Law Enforcement Officers		2/13 at 12:00 p.m.	2/13/2020 - 12:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB1008</a> ( <a href="#">HB0586</a> )	Public Safety - Criminal History Records Check - Fire Departments, Rescue Squads, and Ambulance Services	<a href="#">Senator Carter</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	<a href="#">Rules</a>	

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Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
<a href="#">HB0006</a> ( <a href="#">SB0061</a> )	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Fees - Audits	<a href="#">Delegate Krebs</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation	<a href="#">Health and Government Operations</a> 1/29/2020 - 2:00 PM	<a href="#">Budget and Taxation</a>
<a href="#">HB0044</a> ( <a href="#">SB0047</a> )	Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland - Extension and Alteration	<a href="#">Delegate Krebs</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	<a href="#">Health and Government Operations</a> 1/29/2020 - 2:00 PM	<a href="#">Finance</a>
<a href="#">HB0130</a> ( <a href="#">SB0319</a> )	Vehicle Laws - Move Over Safety Monitoring System - Authorization	<a href="#">Delegate Healey</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a> 2/06/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0175</a>	Public Safety - State Fire Marshal - Explosives License	<a href="#">Delegate Charkoudian</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judiciary</a> 1/28/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0350</a> ( <a href="#">SB0269</a> )	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Correctional Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel (Hometown Heroes Act)	<a href="#">Speaker</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="#"><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 (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>HB0562</u></a>	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Personnel (First Responders Tax Benefit Act)	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Cox</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>HB0650</u></a>	State Government - Emergency Management - Governor Declarations	<a href="#"><u>Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 2/25/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0823 (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 (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 (HB0006)</u></a>	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Fees - Audits	<a href="#"><u>Senator Kagan</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	<a href="#"><u>Budget and Taxation</u></a> 1/15/2020 - 1:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a>
<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</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Health and	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a>

		<a href="#">Affairs Committee</a>	Government Operations	1/15/2020 - 3:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0269 (HB0350)</a>	Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Correctional Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel (Hometown Heroes Act)	<a href="#">President</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Budget and Taxation</a> 2/05/2020 - 2:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0319 (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 (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 (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	
<a href="#">SB1020</a>	Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Volunteer Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Police Officers	<a href="#">Senator Hester</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	<a href="#">Rules</a>	

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<a href="#">HB0420 (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="#">HB0619</a>	Environment – Use of Fire-Fighting Foam and PFAS Chemicals	<a href="#">Delegate Young, P.</a>	In the House - Third Reading Passed (137-0)	<a href="#">Health and Government Operations</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 - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 3/04/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<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>HB1001</u></a>	Business Regulation - Amusement Attractions - Maryland Rider Safety Act	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Wilson</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Economic Matters</u></a> 2/18/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB1485</u></a>	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Corderman</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 3/04/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB1496</u></a>	Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement for Transportation and Medical Services	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Corderman</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 3/04/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB1548</u></a>	Public Safety - Consumer and Display Fireworks	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Hornberger</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Economic Matters</u></a> 3/10/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB1631</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB1030</u></a> )	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Rose</u></a>	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<a href="#"><u>Rules and Executive Nominations</u></a>	
<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> )	Environment – Use of Fire–Fighting Foam and PFAS Chemicals	<a href="#"><u>Senator Elfreth</u></a>	In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (46-0)	<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 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Budget and Taxation</u></a> 2/12/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0777</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB0779</u></a> )	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters and Emergency Medical Services Providers - Reimbursement	<a href="#"><u>Senator Gallion</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Finance</u></a> 3/10/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB1030</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>HB1631</u></a> )	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	<a href="#"><u>Senator Ready</u></a>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	<a href="#"><u>Rules</u></a>	
<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	

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

Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
<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 - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Environment and Transportation</u></a> 3/10/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<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>HB1388</u></a>	Prince George's County - Public	<a href="#"><u>Prince George's</u></a>	In the House - Hearing	<a href="#"><u>Environment and Transportation</u></a>	

	Safety Surcharge - Amount PG 412-20	<a href="#">County Delegation</a>	3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	3/10/2020 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0288 (HB0544)</a>	City of Annapolis - Housing Authority - Prohibitions Against Exceptions to Local Laws	<a href="#">Senator Elfreth</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a> 2/05/2020 - 2:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0753 (HB1413)</a>	Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact - City of Laurel	<a href="#">Senator Rosapepe</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a> 3/04/2020 - 1:00 PM	

**WITHDRAWN REQUEST: Important Status Change the following bills have been withdrawn by the sponsor.**

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<a href="#">HB0399</a>	Civil Actions – Duty to Render Assistance (First Responder Safety Act)	<a href="#">Delegate Lisanti</a>	In the House - Hearing canceled	<a href="#">Judiciary</a>	
<a href="#">HB0578</a>	State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Participation in Program - Volunteer First Responders	<a href="#">Delegate Cox</a>	In the House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations; Withdrawn	<a href="#">Appropriations</a>	
<a href="#">HB0581</a>	Public Safety - Fire Fighting Foam and PFAS Chemicals	<a href="#">Delegate Love</a>	In the House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn	<a href="#">Health and Government Operations</a>	
<a href="#">HB0769 (SB0133)</a>	Education - High School Students - Graduation and Attendance	<a href="#">Delegate Adams</a>	In the House - Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a>	



	Credit for Vocational Training				
<a href="#"><u>SB0133 (HB0769)</u></a>	Education - High School Students - Graduation and Attendance Credit for Vocational Training	<a href="#"><u>Senator West</u></a>	In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 2/04/2020 - 1:00 PM	

\*\*\*\*\* DENOTES RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE HEARING HAVE TAKEN PLACE.