

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

*Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Personnel*

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## LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN NO. 9

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.

*Charles Walker*

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Chairman

*James E. Malone*

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Vice Chairman

## MSFA Bills of Interest (March 7, 2019)

There have been **1045 Senate Bills** and **1425 House Bills** introduced to date.

We are currently tracking the following **64** bills.

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

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

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 26	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0055 (SB0245)	Transportation - Ignition Interlock System - Definition	<a href="#">Delegate Barron</a>	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	<a href="#">Judiciary</a> 1/24/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a>
HB0070	Public Safety - Rental Unit - Carbon Monoxide Alarms	<a href="#">Delegate Holmes</a>	Hearing 2/05 at 1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a> 2/5/2019 - 1:30 p.m.	
HB0215 (SB0005)	Public Information Act - 9-1-1 Communications - Denial of Part of a Public Record	<a href="#">Delegate Jackson</a>	Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Health and Government Operations</a> 2/5/2019 - 2:00 p.m.	
HB0231 (SB0161)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members	<a href="#">Speaker</a>	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> 3/6/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0233 (SB0160)	Workers' Compensation - Medical Presumptions	<a href="#">Speaker</a>	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Economic Matters</a> 2/26/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0397 (SB0339)	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System (Carl Henn's Law)	<a href="#">Delegate Krebs</a>	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Health and Government Operations</a> 2/26/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0441	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members	<a href="#">Delegate Crosby</a>	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> 3/6/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0477 (SB0292)	Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Definition	<a href="#">Delegate Clark</a>	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0604 (SB0646)	Workers' Compensation - Medical Presumptions for Diseases and Cancer - Eligibility	<a href="#">Delegate Davis, D.E.</a>	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Economic Matters</a> 2/26/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0631	High School Graduation Requirements - Student Service - Fire-Fighting Training and Volunteer Hours	<a href="#">Delegate Adams</a>	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> 2/21/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0894	Criminal Law - Felony Second Degree Assault - Emergency Medical Care Workers	<a href="#">Delegate Ciliberti</a>	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judiciary</a> 3/13/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0945	Income Tax Credit - New Dwellings - Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems	<a href="#">Delegate Adams</a>	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a>	

HB1186 (SB0465)	Nonpublic Schools - Fire Drill Requirements - State Fire Prevention Code	Delegate Ebersole	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1264 (SB0902)	Public Health - Products Containing a Flame-Retardant Chemical - Prohibition on Import or Sale	Delegate Cullison	Hearing 3/11 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/11/2019 - 2:00 p.m.	
HB1293 (SB0727)	Health - Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program	Delegate Krimm	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
SB0005 (HB0215)	Public Information Act - 9-1-1 Communications - Denial of Part of a Public Record	Senator Kagan	Hearing 1/23 at 4:30 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 1/23/2019 - 4:30 p.m.	
SB0074	Higher Education - Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship - Alterations	Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	Hearing 1/16 at 3:30 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 1/16/2019 - 3:30 p.m.	
SB0160 (HB0233)	Workers' Compensation - Medical Presumptions	President	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0161 (HB0231)	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members	President	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/27/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0245 (HB0055)	Transportation – Ignition Interlock System – Definition	Senator Kramer	Second Reading Passed with Amendments	Judicial Proceedings 2/5/2019 - 12:00 p.m.	
SB0292 (HB0477)	Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Definition	Senator Bailey	First Reading Ways and Means	Budget and Taxation 2/13/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means
SB0339 (HB0397)	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System (Carl Henn's Law)	Senator Kagan	First Reading Health and Government Operations	Finance 2/26/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations
SB0465 (HB1186)	Nonpublic Schools - Fire Drill Requirements - State Fire Prevention Code	Senator King	First Reading Ways and Means	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/13/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means
SB0646 (HB0604)	Workers' Compensation - Medical Presumptions for Diseases and Cancer - Eligibility	Senator Klausmeier	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0727 (HB1293)	Health – Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program	Senator Guzzone	Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/13/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0902 (HB1264)	Public Health - Products Containing a Flame-Retardant Chemical - Prohibition on Import or Sale	Senator Hayes	First Reading Senate Rules	Rules	

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Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 2	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB1261 (SB0571)	Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squads - Member Disability and Death Benefits - Appeals Process	Delegate Morgan	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0571 (HB1261)	Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squads - Member Disability and Death Benefits - Appeals Process	Senator Bailey	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/7/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	

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

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 24	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0008	Business Regulation - Amusement Attractions - Maryland Rider Safety Act	Delegate Chang	Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters	Economic Matters 1/22/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0014	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	Delegate Brooks	Hearing 1/17 at 11:00 a.m.	Ways and Means 1/17/2019 - 11:00 a.m.	
HB0149 (SB0170)	Retirement Tax Fairness Act of 2019	Speaker	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/6/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0154 (SB0171)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Qualified Retired Public Safety Employee (Hometown Heroes Act of 2019)	Speaker	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/6/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0164	Business Occupations and Professions - Licensing and Regulation of Electricians	Chair, Economic Matters Committee	Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters; Withdrawn	Economic Matters	
HB0366 (SB0982)	Commission to Study Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Funding	Delegate Krimm	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0370	Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - Police Force - Repeal	Chair, Appropriations Committee	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0376	Vehicle Laws - Traffic Accident or Incident Management (Clear the Road Act of 2019)	Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/14/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0383 (SB0187)	Maryland Department of Health - Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories	Delegate Young, K.	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/13/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	

HB0386	Admissions and Amusement Tax - Limitations on Municipal Corporations - Agricultural Tourism	Delegate Hornberger	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0515	Municipalities - Municipal Infraction Proceedings - Designation of a Building Inspector or an Enforcement Officer to Testify	Delegate Hornberger	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/26/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0944	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Emergency Medical Dispatcher	Delegate Wivell	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/6/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1046	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Qualified Retired Public Safety Employee (Hometown Heroes Act of 2019)	Delegate Johnson	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/6/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1090 (SB0284)	9-1-1 Specialists - Compensation and Benefits	Delegate Jackson	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/26/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1341	Public Safety - Battery Operated Smoke Alarm - Penalty	Delegate Conaway	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
SB0065	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	Senator Young	Unfavorable Report by Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation 1/17/2019 - 10:30 a.m.	
SB0080	Sales and Use Tax - Tax-Free Weekends - Emergency Preparedness Equipment	Senator Benson	Hearing 1/17 at 10:30 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 1/17/2019 - 10:30 a.m.	
SB0170 (HB0149)	Retirement Tax Fairness Act of 2019	President	Unfavorable Report by Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation 2/27/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0171 (HB0154)	Income Tax Subtraction Modification - Qualified Retired Public Safety Employee (Hometown Heroes Act of 2019)	President	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/27/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0187 (HB0383)	Maryland Department of Health - Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories	Senator Young	Hearing 2/07 at 2:30 p.m.	Finance 2/7/2019 - 2:30 p.m.	
SB0284 (HB1090)	9-1-1 Specialists - Compensation and Benefits	Senator Kagan	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/26/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0295	Criminal Law - Death Penalty - Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders	Senator Salling	Hearing 2/12 at 12:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/12/2019 - 12:00 p.m.	
SB0982 (HB0366)	Commission to Study Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Funding	Senator Ellis	Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance) and Hearing canceled (Budget and Taxation)	Finance 3/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m. Budget and Taxation	
SB1013	Public Safety - Task Force on Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads	Senator Serafini	First Reading Senate Rules	Rules	

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

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 8	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
<a href="#">HB0287</a> ( <a href="#">SB0275</a> )	Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Promoter's Permit	<a href="#">Frederick County Delegation</a>	Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Economic Matters</a> 2/18/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
<a href="#">HB0293</a> ( <a href="#">SB0204</a> )	Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Volunteer Fire Company or Volunteer Ambulance Company License	<a href="#">Frederick County Delegation</a>	Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Economic Matters</a> 2/18/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
<a href="#">HB0639</a> ( <a href="#">SB0099</a> )	Anne Arundel County - Public Safety - Buildings Used for Agritourism	<a href="#">Delegate Howard</a>	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a> 3/6/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
<a href="#">HB1111</a>	Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Volunteer Fire Department License	<a href="#">Prince George's County Delegation</a>	Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Economic Matters</a> 2/18/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
<a href="#">HB1258</a>	Calvert County - Length of Service Award Program - Death Benefits	<a href="#">Calvert County Delegation</a>	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Appropriations</a> 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
<a href="#">SB0099</a> ( <a href="#">HB0639</a> )	Public Safety – Buildings Used for Agritourism	<a href="#">Senator Elfreth</a>	First Reading Environment and Transportation	<a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a> 2/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a>
<a href="#">SB0204</a> ( <a href="#">HB0293</a> )	Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Volunteer Fire Company or Volunteer Ambulance Company License	<a href="#">Senator Young</a>	Second Reading Passed	<a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a> 2/22/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	
<a href="#">SB0275</a> ( <a href="#">HB0287</a> )	Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Promoter's Permit	<a href="#">Senator Young</a>	Second Reading Passed with Amendments	<a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a> 2/22/2019 - 1:00 p.m.	

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

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 4	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
<a href="#">HB0100</a> ( <a href="#">SB0125</a> )	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)	<a href="#">Speaker</a>	First Reading Appropriations	<a href="#">Appropriations</a>	
<a href="#">HB0101</a> ( <a href="#">SB0126</a> )	Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2019, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018	<a href="#">Speaker</a>	First Reading Appropriations	<a href="#">Appropriations</a>	

SB0125 (HB0100)	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)	President	First Reading Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation	
SB0126 (HB0101)	Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2019, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018	President	First Reading Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation	