

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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

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## LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN NO. 2

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 Firefighters 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.

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**MSFA Bills of Interest**  
(January 16, 2025)

There have been **359 Senate Bills** and **454 House Bills** introduced to date.

We are currently tracking **51** bills and they are following:

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.

Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponso	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
<a href="#">HB0316</a>	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System - 9-1-1 Technician	<a href="#">Delegate Grammer</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Health and Government Operations</a> 1/21/2025 - 1:00 PM	

**SUPPORTING WITH HIGH IMPORTANCE:** 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="#">SB0330</a>	Property Tax Credit - Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker - Alterations	<a href="#">Senator Jackson</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 10:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Budget and Taxation</a> 1/29/2025 - 10:30 AM	

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Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
<a href="#">HB0076</a>	Public Safety Officer - Performance of Duties - Death and Disability Benefits	<a href="#">Delegate Lehman</a>	In the House - First Reading Appropriations	<a href="#">Appropriations</a>	
<a href="#">HB0217 (SB0173)</a>	Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - Hypertension	<a href="#">Delegate Rogers</a>	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	<a href="#">Economic Matters</a>	
<a href="#">HB0222 (SB0175)</a>	Public Safety - Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing for Fuel Gas Piping Systems - Requirements and Prohibitions	<a href="#">Delegate Stein</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a> 1/28/2025 - 2:00 PM	

<a href="#">SB0036</a> ( <a href="#">HB0421</a> )	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Trust Fund - 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline	<a href="#">Senator Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/15 at 10:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Budget and Taxation</a> 1/15/2025 - 10:30 AM	
<a href="#">SB0081</a> ( <a href="#">HB0445</a> )	Criminal Law - Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point - Penalties	<a href="#">Senator Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/16 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a> 1/16/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0164</a>	Terminology and Obsolete References - Maryland State Firefighters Association and Related Terms	<a href="#">Senator Kagan</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	<a href="#">Education, Energy, and the Environment</a>	
<a href="#">SB0173</a> ( <a href="#">HB0217</a> )	Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - Hypertension	<a href="#">Senator Klausmeier</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	<a href="#">Finance</a>	
<a href="#">SB0175</a> ( <a href="#">HB0222</a> )	Public Safety - Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing for Fuel Gas Piping Systems - Requirements and Prohibitions	<a href="#">Senator Lewis Young</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	<a href="#">Education, Energy, and the Environment</a>	

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Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
<a href="#">HB0060</a> ( <a href="#">SB0099</a> )	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Military Retirement Income (Keep Our Heroes Home Act)	<a href="#">Delegate Rogers</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> 1/23/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0062</a> ( <a href="#">SB0253</a> )	Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities - Chemical Warfare Material Requirements	<a href="#">Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a> 1/29/2025 - 1:30 PM	
<a href="#">HB0106</a>	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System - Definition of First Responders	<a href="#">Delegate Harris</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Health and Government Operations</a> 1/21/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0150</a> ( <a href="#">SB0252</a> )	Child Care Centers – Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Repeal	<a href="#">Chair, Ways and Means Committee</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> 1/29/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0176</a> ( <a href="#">SB0026</a> )	Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Revisions (Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act)	<a href="#">Delegate Solomon</a>	In the House - First Reading Appropriations	<a href="#">Appropriations</a>	

<a href="#"><u>HB0205 (SB0124)</u></a>	Employment Standards – Firefighters – Payment of Wages and Payroll Information	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Solomon</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Appropriations	<a href="#"><u>Appropriations</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>HB0249 (SB0125)</u></a>	Residential Real Property - Local Limits on Summoning Law Enforcement or Emergency Services	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Palakovich Carr</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 1/22 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judiciary</u></a> 1/22/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>HB0309 (SB0326)</u></a>	Public Safety - Law Enforcement Agencies - Peer Support Programs	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Cardin</u></a>	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	<a href="#"><u>Judiciary</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>HB0355</u></a>	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Grammer</u></a>	In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 1/30/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0026 (HB0176)</u></a>	Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Revisions (Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act)	<a href="#"><u>Senator Kramer</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Finance</u></a> 1/29/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0030</u></a>	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Public Safety Employee Retirement Income	<a href="#"><u>Senator Bailey</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/15 at 10:30 a.m.	<a href="#"><u>Budget and Taxation</u></a> 1/15/2025 - 10:30 AM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0075</u></a>	Juvenile Law - Probation and Treatment Services - Required Disposition (Parental Accountability Act)	<a href="#"><u>Senator Benson</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judicial Proceedings</u></a> 1/28/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0099 (HB0060)</u></a>	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Military Retirement Income (Keep Our Heroes Home Act)	<a href="#"><u>Senator Salling</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/15 at 10:30 a.m.	<a href="#"><u>Budget and Taxation</u></a> 1/15/2025 - 10:30 AM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0124 (HB0205)</u></a>	Employment Standards - Firefighters - Payment of Wages and Payroll Information	<a href="#"><u>Senator Kramer</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/16 at 3:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Finance</u></a> 1/16/2025 - 3:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0125 (HB0249)</u></a>	Residential Real Property - Local Limits on Summoning Law Enforcement or Emergency Services	<a href="#"><u>Senator Gile</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Judicial Proceedings</u></a> 1/23/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0138 (HB0423)</u></a>	Public Safety - Maryland 9-1-1 Board and Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Regulatory Authority	<a href="#"><u>Senator Kagan</u></a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Education, Energy, and the Environment</u></a> 1/23/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#"><u>SB0252 (HB0150)</u></a>	Child Care Centers - Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement - Repeal	<a href="#"><u>Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</u></a>	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	<a href="#"><u>Education, Energy, and the Environment</u></a>	

<a href="#">SB0253</a> ( <a href="#">HB0062</a> )	Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities - Chemical Warfare Material Requirements	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/29 at 1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Education, Energy, and the Environment</a> 1/29/2025 - 1:30 PM	
<a href="#">SB0326</a> ( <a href="#">HB0309</a> )	Public Safety - Law Enforcement Agencies - Peer Support Programs	<a href="#">Senator Waldstreicher</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a>	
<a href="#">SB0334</a>	Criminal Law - Crimes of Malicious or Fraudulent Burning - Prohibitions and Penalties	<a href="#">Senator Waldstreicher</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a>	

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<a href="#">HB0018</a> ( <a href="#">SB0121</a> )	Vehicle Laws - Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems Pilot Program - Inspection and Extension	<a href="#">Delegate Palakovich Carr</a>	In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a>	
<a href="#">HB0320</a> ( <a href="#">SB0101</a> )	Wicomico County - Vehicle Laws - Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations	<a href="#">Delegate Beauchamp</a>	In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation	<a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a>	
<a href="#">SB0101</a> ( <a href="#">HB0320</a> )	Wicomico County - Vehicle Laws - Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations	<a href="#">Senator Carozza</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/09 at 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a> 1/09/2025 - 2:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0121</a> ( <a href="#">HB0018</a> )	Vehicle Laws - Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems Pilot Program - Inspection and Extension	<a href="#">Senator Washington, A.</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/22 at 10:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a> 1/22/2025 - 10:00 AM	

**OSFM MATTERS:** The following bills have been highlighted, to reflect legislation that will need monitoring in support of the State Fire Marshal and the jurisdictional Fire Marshal divisions in the state.

Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
<a href="#">HB0122</a>	Public Safety - Police Accountability - Police Officer Complainant	<a href="#">Delegate Young</a>	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	<a href="#">Judiciary</a>	

<a href="#">HB0139</a>	Public Safety - Police Accountability - Deadline for Completion of Investigation	<a href="#">Delegate Young</a>	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	<a href="#">Judiciary</a>	
<a href="#">HB0171 (SB0180)</a>	Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer	<a href="#">Delegate Valentine</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judiciary</a> 1/29/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">HB0238</a>	Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges	<a href="#">Delegate Cardin</a>	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	<a href="#">Judiciary</a>	
<a href="#">HB0255</a>	No-Knock Warrants	<a href="#">Delegate Acevero</a>	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	<a href="#">Judiciary</a>	
<a href="#">SB0122</a>	Criminal Law - Hate Crimes - Law Enforcement Officers	<a href="#">Senator Folden</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/16 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a> 1/16/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0180 (HB0171)</a>	Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer	<a href="#">Senator West</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/16 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a> 1/16/2025 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0201</a>	Criminal Justice and Public Safety Reporting Requirements - Alterations	<a href="#">Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/14 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Judicial Proceedings</a> 1/14/2025 - 1:00 PM	

**BONDS** – The following list current bonds that have been submitted for approval.

Project Name	Status	House Sponsors	Senate Sponsors	County	Amount Requested	Senate Initiative	House Initiative	Other Funding	Total Funding
Earleigh Heights VFC Fire Station	Introduced in House	<a href="#">Chisholm</a>		Anne Arundel	\$250,000				\$0