



Maryland Municipal League  
*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

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**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill:** SB 1117 – Employment Standards - Firefighters - Payment of Overtime and Payroll Information

**Position:** Unfavorable

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League opposes Senate Bill 1117, which would require overtime pay for paid firefighters in excess of 168 hours over a 28-day period, more payroll information, and codify a process for grievances.

While there are relatively few municipalities that employ firefighters – vs. utilizing a volunteer force – these benefits are traditionally collectively bargained alongside other benefits. Passage of SB 1117 would likely reopen those negotiations. Further, there could be additional costs related to the payment of overtime or hiring more employees. Together, and potentially in concert with other legislation being considered this year, this bill may make it more difficult for the remaining paid programs to continue.

For these reasons the League respectfully requests that this committee provide Senate Bill 1117 with an unfavorable report.

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