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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 330

***PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR RESCUE WORKER -
ALTERATIONS***

BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE

JANUARY 29, 2025

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 330 is very straightforward enabling legislation that allows for the Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement or Rescue Worker Property Tax Credit to be passed down to surviving spouses in the event of the death of the officer or worker who qualified for the credit. Additionally, the bill would allow for the credit to be proportionally increased should property taxes increase.

As someone who spent the majority of his professional career in public safety, I can personally attest to the importance of this type of legislation. This benefit for officers and their families is a small way to properly recognize the critical service that these public servants and their families provide to our communities.

I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 330.

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January 24, 2025

RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support to SB330

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for House Bill 330:
Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Alterations. This bill alters the definition of “fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker” to include disabled officers or workers who have died regardless of the cause of death. The bill will also authorize the amount of the credit for a dwelling owned by a disabled or fallen officer or worker or a surviving spouse/cohabitant to be in the same proportion as the property tax credit initially granted.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports this bill as it will be a great assistance to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice as well as their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McKay'.

Senator Mike McKay
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland
Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties

Voting Organizations:

Maryland Fire Chief’s Association (MFCA)
Maryland State Firefighter’s Association (MSFA)
State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI)
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMMS)
Metro Fire Chief’s Association
Professional Firefighters of Maryland

Our Mission Statement

The Maryland Fire/EMS Coalition unites Republicans and Democrats in support of fire/emergency services legislation that benefit all first responders. Becoming a member does not require taking positions on legislation; rather Coalition members are asked to offer support in a way that best benefits fire/emergency services in their respective Legislative Districts.

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MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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-a 501(c)3 Organization*



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SB 330: Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Alterations

My name is Chief Robert Phillips, and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony in favor of **Senate Bill 330: Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Alterations**

The MSFA believes that this bill if passed will allow the surviving spouse or cohabitant of a fallen law enforcement officer or Rescue Worker, better peace of mind for their future. Having to worry about losing the property tax credit while considering a change in living arrangements due to a other changes in life can add stress to situation that is not needed. This alteration will take the stress out of this decision and help maintain the quality of life for these people who have already suffered enough.

The MSFA asks that you return a FAVORABLE vote on Senate Bill 330.

Thank you and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully:

Robert Phillips

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Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair and
Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: January 29, 2025

RE: **SB 330 Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer
or Rescue Worker Alterations**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT SB 330. This bill expands an existing local option property tax credit for disabled or fallen law enforcement officers or rescue workers.

Despite recent efforts at the State and local level, law enforcement agencies across the State are having difficulty retaining and recruiting officers. Initiatives such as expanding property tax credits for those who work as law enforcement officers may assist with recruitment efforts and incentivize individuals to enter the profession. As a local option property tax credit, each jurisdiction would be able to consider this expansion to determine whether it may help in these areas.

This legislation recognizes and honors the sacrifice of law enforcement officers who put their lives and safety on the line each shift they work.

**For these reasons, MCPA and MSA SUPPORT SB 330 and urge a FAVORABLE
Committee report.**