

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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## **HB935: Venue-Specific Emergency Action Plans - High School Football Games - Requirements**

(James "Jimmy" Malone Act)

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

I wish to present testimony in favor of HB935 **Venue-Specific Emergency Action Plans - High School Football Games - Requirements**

The MSFA supports this bill completely. The bill would require that medically trained personnel would be available for all high school football games in the future. The bill also requires that a "venue specific emergency action plan" will be written up, made available for everyone's knowledge and the plan will be practiced or drilled with so should if there is an issue or emergency the patients will be given the best chance to recover fully.

The fire/EMS community first responders work with incident action plans all the times and we understand that having them and drilling with them is the best way to pre-determine the positive outcome for an emergency.

We all know that the plan is a living document and grows and improves as time goes on and that any action plan that is written up and used by any "high school" will also be the same and looked at for improvement each year going forward.

The MSFA asks that you return a FAVORABLE vote on HB935

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