

Letter of Support for SB0328.pdf

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February 2, 2026

RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for SB0328

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

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 328: Property Tax Credit - Disabled or Fallen Public Safety Officer – Alterations. This bill will alter, for purposes of a certain property tax credit for a certain dwelling, the definition of "fallen public safety officer" to include disabled public safety officers who have died regardless of the cause of death; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the amount of the credit for a dwelling owned by a disabled or fallen public safety officer or the surviving spouse or cohabitant to be in the same proportion as the property tax credit initially granted for the dwelling; etc.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "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.

SB328 written testimony.pdf

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Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel



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SB328: Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Public Safety Officer – 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 328: Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Public Safety Officer – Alterations**

The MSFA is in full support of this bill. The alterations made in this bill we feel clarify the difference in job descriptions and the associated liability that comes with the job.

The MSFA asks that you return a FAVORABLE vote on **SB:328**.

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: February 4, 2026

RE: **SB 328 Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Public Safety Officer -
Alterations**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT SB 328**. 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 328** and urge a **FAVORABLE** Committee report.