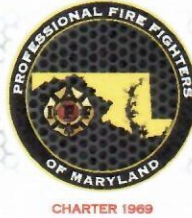


PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF MARYLAND



February 23, 2022

Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Testimony Concerning SB130, an Act concerning – Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income

Submitted to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Position: Favorable

On behalf of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland, we submit this testimony in **support** of Maryland Senate Bill 130, introduced by Senator Michael A. Jackson, an Act concerning – Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income.

The Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland (PFFMD) serves as the statewide affiliate of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). Our membership includes local affiliates of the IAFF at the federal, state, and local level which, combined, represent over 12,000 active and retired fire, rescue, and emergency services personnel.

Senate Bill 130 has previously been before this committee in both the 2020 and 2021 regular legislative sessions. Senate Bill 488 introduced in 2020 received a unanimous committee and floor vote. Last year Senate Bill 370 also received a unanimous committee and floor vote. We are hopeful that the Budget & Taxation Committee will once again continue their strong support of our retired military and public safety members who have dedicated their careers to serving others and now wish to enjoy their retirement right here in the State of Maryland.

Thank you for your attention to this extremely important piece of legislation. We strongly support Senate Bill 130 and urge the committee to give a **favorable report**.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Buddle, President
Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland

The membership of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland includes 25 local IAFF affiliates from the following jurisdictions:

Federal: Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Fort George G. Meade, National Capital Federal Fire Fighters.

State: Baltimore / Washington International Airport, Martin State Airport.

Local: Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City (2 affiliates), Baltimore County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Charles County, Cumberland, Frederick County, Garrett County, Hagerstown, Howard County, Montgomery County, Ocean City, Prince Georges County, Queen Annes County, Salisbury, Talbot County, Worchester County.