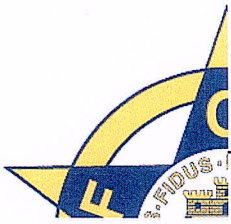


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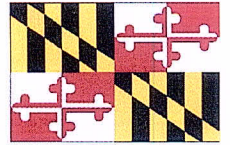
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February 7, 2022

**SB 132 - Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officer**

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Distinguished Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

The Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 132 - **Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officer**.

The intent of the original section of this bill was to create enabling legislation for County and Municipal corporations to give public safety officers a tax credit on their properties of up to a maximum of \$2500. As of today, very few Counties and/or Municipal Corporations have actually enacted into law this tax credit in their jurisdictions for their Public Safety Officers.

The change that would occur under SB 132 would give the Counties and Municipal Corporations a lot more flexibility in determining the amount of the credit and the actual definition of “Public Safety Officer”. If SB132 is enacted, it will allow for the setting of a credit amount that is best/affordable for the jurisdiction itself. It will also give the Counties and Municipal Corporations the ability to decide who the actual credit will go to as they would be able to set the credit limit and define the term “Public Safety Officer” for the purposes of their individual jurisdictions credit. As currently written, the current law does not allow for this, and instead sets in place a set amount and definition for the entire State which does not take into account the differing financial abilities of each County and Municipal Corporation nor their specific needs/reasons/abilities to create incentives for their public safety employees. If SB132 were enacted, it is our belief, that more Counties and Municipal Corporations would be willing to give this credit to their Public Safety Officers.

On behalf of the more than 20,000 Courageous Men and Women of the Maryland Fraternal Order of Police we thank you for your support and ask for your **FAVORABLE** vote on **Senate Bill 132 - Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officer**.

Angelo L. Consoli Jr,  
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February 9, 2022

**Senate Bill 132 – Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officer**

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to introduce Senate Bill 132 - Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officer, which would give local governments the authority to determine which public safety officers are eligible for local property tax credits in their jurisdiction.

In the 2019 Legislative Session, I introduced a bill that expanded eligibility for this property tax credit to volunteer emergency medical technicians. Following passage of that bill, I heard from other law enforcement officers who are employed by the State and are not currently included in the list of public safety officers eligible for this credit.

Under current law, counties and municipalities can give a property tax credit to a firefighter, emergency medical technician, correctional officer, police officer, or deputy sheriff employed full time by a public safety agency in the county or municipality where the individual resides. This existing property tax credit authority is also available for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical technicians for a public safety agency in the county or municipality where the individual resides. Senate Bill 132 repeals this existing definition of “public safety officer” and instead allows counties and municipalities to expand this eligibility to whoever they define by law to be “public safety officers.”

Senate Bill 132 also repeals an existing \$2,500 limit on the amount of the property tax credit that may be provided by local jurisdictions. This property tax credit is granted at the discretion of the county or municipal government. There is no state fiscal impact, and the impact on local governments is limited to those who choose to implement this credit.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill 303 as amended by this Committee in the 2020 Legislative Session, which passed the Senate 45-0. I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 132. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bailey".

Senator Jack Bailey  
District 29  
Calvert and St. Mary's Counties

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February 9, 2022

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

**RE: SB 132 - Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer**

**POSITION:            SUPPORT**

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

Current law authorizes a county or Baltimore City to grant a property tax credit to law enforcement personnel living and working in that jurisdiction. A Maryland State Trooper's jurisdiction crosses county borders as Troopers patrol and work around the state. The barrack that a Trooper works out of often changes over the course of their career. Regardless of where a Trooper may be working around the state they are also a significant part of the community in which they live.

SB 132 has been introduced by Senator Jack Bailey to authorize counties and Baltimore City to provide the property tax credit to active Maryland State Troopers living in that jurisdiction regardless of where in the state they may be working at that time.

Given the role that our Maryland State Troopers perform in the public safety of our counties and state we feel that this small change is warranted and justified.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association strongly supports SB132 and request a favorable report.

Brian Blubaugh  
President  
Maryland Troopers Association

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February 4, 2022

TO: Budget and Taxation Committee

SUBJECT: SB132 – Property Tax Credit for Public Safety Officers

POSITION: **Support**

As Deputy Warden of the St. Mary’s County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and President of the Maryland Correctional Administrator’s Association (MCAA), an organization comprised of our statewide jail wardens and administrators for the promotion and improvements for best correctional practices, please accept this written testimony in support of SB 132.

Recruitment of qualified correctional officers, law enforcement officers or a fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel is challenging to say the least. Corrections is one of the toughest beats in America and by offering the property tax credit for public safety officers this is an added benefit for recruitment and retainment of officers. This is a small measure to give appreciation to those who have dedicated their lives to public service an often-thankless job.

MCAA respectfully requests the Committee to vote **FAVORABLE** on House Bill 132.

Best Regards,

*MaryAnn Thompson*

Mary Ann Thompson  
Deputy Warden  
St. Mary’s County Detention &  
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