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## SB 38 Public Safety – Fire and Rescue – Veterinary Care of Retired Fire and Rescue K–9s

My name is Robert Phillips and I am the Legislative Committee Chairman for the Maryland State Firefighter's Association (MSFA).

I wish to present testimony in favor of SB 38 Public Safety – Fire and Rescue – Veterinary Care of Retired Fire and Rescue K–9s

This legislation will allow owners of retired K9's from the Fire and Rescue service to be reimbursed for veterinary care the same as law enforcement K9's. The original bill as passed did not include the Fire and Rescue dogs and this bill correct that.

I thank the committee for their time on this important issue and ask that you favorably support Senate Bill 38..

Thank you and I'd be glad to answer questions that you might have.