

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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## **SB 823: Natural Resources – Annual State Park Pass – Discounts for Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders**

My name is 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 823: Natural Resources – Annual State Park Pass – Discounts for Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders**

The MSFA is in favor of and support this bill. The time that is required for a volunteer first responder for their training and responsibilities is considerable. The first few years that a person is a first responder includes several hundred hours of education. There are many family functions from the everyday to the special that we ask for a responder to be away from their family. This bill is a way to give back allowing "family time" to be quality time and not cost as much so they can afford to enjoy it more often.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on Senate Bill 823

I will now be glad to answer any questions, or my contact information is listed above and welcome any further inquiries you might have.