

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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SB 538: Workers' Compensation – Occupational Disease Presumptions – Hypertension

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 with amendments of Senate Bill 538: Workers' Compensation – Occupational Disease Presumptions – Hypertension

The MSFA is in favor of and support this bill. We would like an amendment adding 9-1-1 dispatchers to the list of affected employees. Work in the dispatch center is very stressful at best and the toll taken both mentally and physically would be just cause to include them under this bill.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on Senate Bill 405 with an amendment to include the 9-1-1 dispatchers.

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