

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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## **HB744: Criminal Law – Public Safety – Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties**

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 House Bill 744: Criminal Law – Public Safety – Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties**

The MSFA is in favor of this bill for the following reasons:

- 1) we feel that anyone who decides to interfere with a public safety answering point is further endangering the lives of the public and the emergency first responders who respond to assist the public.
- 2) We feel there should be penalties that if considered would give cause for thought before a person commits a crime.
- 3) we feel that if convicted the penalty is such that the person will not commit this crime again

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on House Bill 744.

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