



M a r y l a n d Troopers Association



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The Honorable Chair CT Wilson and Members of the Economic Matters Committee

RE: HB 669 Workers' Compensation – Benefits – Hearing Loss

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.

The MTA supports changing the way that hearing loss is calculated to determine whether there is compensable hearing loss by adding in the higher frequency; along with the consideration of Tinnitus as part of an employee's hearing loss compensable claim. Public Safety employees have experienced this issue due to sirens, their radio, and gunfire. We appreciate this legislation bringing forth the issue that so many of our members face due to their profession. As State Troopers, we do our very best to protect Marylanders and are grateful for the consideration.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association supports HB 669 and requests a favorable report.

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