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HB 1403: Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes - Age of Children in Care - Alterations

My name is Robert Phillips, I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA). The MSFA represents the 25,000 plus volunteer Fire/EMS and Rescue first responders across the state.

I wish to present testimony in opposition of House Bill 1404: Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes - Age of Children in Care - Alterations

The MSFA opposes the adoption of this bill. Our investigation and understanding is that if this bill were to be passed as written it would allow more than two children in a home at one time under the age of 24 months. This will not be in compliance with NFPA 101 the "Life Safety Code" adopted by the State of Maryland. The issue arises during an emergency when a person would have to make multiple trips to remove the children from a structure instead of being able to do so in one trip as is now the code.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote un-favorable on HB 1403.

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

