



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 812

**Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System and State Police Retirement System – Line-of-Duty
Catastrophic Injury Disability**

TO: Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

FROM: The Maryland Trooper's Association

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The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) represents approximately 2,629 active and retired law enforcement officers throughout Maryland, of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement. The MTA supports Senate Bill 812, which would require disability pay for law enforcement who were disabled in the line of duty.

Law enforcement officers devote their lives to serving the people of Maryland. It is an immense risk that most would not, and could not, take on. It is only fair and appropriate for officers to receive equal disability compensation should they be deemed disabled while protecting Marylanders. This bill would ensure that law enforcement officers would be appropriately compensated, and it is a warranted and justified request.

We strongly support Senate Bill 812 and urge a favorable report.

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