



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair and
Members of the House Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Natasha Mehu, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 15, 2024

RE: **HB 714 – Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Public Safety Employee Retirement Income**

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT HB 714. This bill expands the current subtraction modification for public safety retirement income.

Regardless of the agency or uniform worn, the men and women of law enforcement and other public safety occupations have stepped forward on behalf of the citizens of their communities and of our State. Each one has taken an oath, a promise, to put the well-being of others first. As we have seen all too often, these professionals put their lives and safety on the line each shift they work, many being asked to make the ultimate sacrifice. This legislation recognizes and honors the sacrifice of public safety officers. MCPA and MSA believe this is warranted and appropriate considering the dangerous work these individuals perform throughout their careers and their dedication to service to and protection of the public.

For this reason, MCPA and MSA SUPPORT HB 714 and urge a FAVORABLE Committee report.