

HB0590/783723/1

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 590
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Hearing Loss**” and substitute “**Study**”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 5 down through “benefits;” in line 11 and substitute “stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Association of Counties and the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland jointly research and report certain information;”; and in line 14, strike “and 9–650”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, strike the brackets; in line 2, after “title” insert “**ONLY**”; and strike beginning with “ON” in line 3 down through “**DISEASE**” in line 4 and substitute “**, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, ON THE SAME BODY PART**”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 2 through line 29 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, after line 29, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that this Act abrogate the holding by the Supreme Court of Maryland in Spevak v. Montgomery County, 480 Md. 562 (2022).

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be applied in a manner that is consistent with the holding by the Supreme Court of Maryland in Reger v. Washington County Board of Education, 455 Md. 68 (2017).

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that:

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(1) the Maryland Association of Counties and the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland jointly research and submit a report on the effects of the amendments to § 9-610 of the Labor and Employment Article implemented by this Act;

(2) the report include data and analysis of the effects of this Act on the offset of benefits following the implementation of this Act compared to a comparable period of time before the Supreme Court of Maryland decision in Spevak v. Montgomery County, 480 Md. 562 (2022); and

(3) on or before December 1, 2024, the Maryland Association of Counties and the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland report its findings to interested parties and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.”;

and in line 30, strike “2.” and substitute “5.”.