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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair and Members of the Budget & Taxation Committee

**RE: SB 25 – Property Tax Credit- Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Alterations**

**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.

Current law authorizes a county or Baltimore City to grant a property tax credit to law enforcement personnel living and working in that jurisdiction. A Maryland State Trooper's jurisdiction crosses county borders as Troopers patrol and work around the state. The barrack that a Trooper works out of often changes over the course of their career. Regardless of where a Trooper may be working around the state, they are also a significant part of the community in which they live.

This bill authorizes counties and Baltimore City to provide the property tax credit to disabled or fallen law enforcement officers or rescue workers, regardless of the cause of death, living in that jurisdiction regardless of where in the state they may be working at that time.

Given the role that our law enforcement officers perform in the public safety of our counties and state, we feel that this small change is warranted and justified.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association supports SB 25 and requests a favorable report.

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