

**Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 7-2018**

**BY: The Chairperson at the  
request of the County Executive  
and Calvin Ball**

**Legislative Day No. 1  
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*(This amendment:*

- (1) Clarifies the agencies for which a public safety officer must be employed;*
- (2) Requires that a volunteer firefighter meet operational standards set forth by the Department of Fire and Rescue Services;*
- (3) Amends the required years of active service for volunteer firefighters to be 5 years continuously, instead of 10;*
- (4) Amends the application process to require annual verification; and*
- (5) Amends the sponsorship of Council Bill No. 7-2018.*

1 On the cover page, after “Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County  
2 Executive”, insert “and Calvin Ball and cosponsored by Greg Fox, Jennifer Terrasa, and Jon  
3 Weinstein.”

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5 On page 1, after line 23, insert:

6 (1) IS EMPLOYED FULL-TIME BY:

7 (I) THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES AS A  
8 FIREFIGHTER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN;

9 (II) THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AS A POLICE OFFICER;

10 (III) THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AS A  
11 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER; OR

12 (IV) THE HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF;

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14 On page 1, in line 24, strike “1” and substitute “2”.

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16 On page 1, in line 26, strike “2” and substitute “3” and strike “AND IS EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC”.

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18 On page 1, in line 27, strike “SAFETY AGENCY IN HOWARD COUNTY”.

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1 On page 1, after line 30, insert:

- 2 “(1) IS A MEMBER OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE CORPORATION LISTED IN SECTION 17.103(A) OF
- 3 THIS CODE;
- 4 (2) MEETS THE OPERATIONAL STANDARD FOR VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL AS
- 5 ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE
- 6 SERVICES;”.

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8 On page 1, in line 31, strike “1” and substitute “3”.

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10 On page 2, in line 2, strike “2” and substitute “4”.

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12 On page 2, strike line 4 and substitute:

- 13 “(5) HAS MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE SERVICE STANDARD UNDER SECTION 17.103 OF THIS CODE AS A
- 14 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY.”.

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16 On page 2, in line 7, after “OF” insert “UP TO” and, in the same line, after “DWELLING” insert “1

17 BUT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX ON THE PROPERTY”.

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19 On page 3, strike lines 1 and 2, inclusive and in their entirety, and substitute:

20 “(G) APPLICATION AND ANNUAL VERIFICATION.

21 ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SETS, AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING A CREDIT UNDER

22 THIS SECTION MUST SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

- 23 (1) AN APPLICATION IN THE FORM THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES; AND
- 24 (2) DURING EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, THE VERIFICATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT
- 25 REQUIRES TO SHOW THAT THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE PROPERTY REMAIN QUALIFIED
- 26 FOR THE CREDIT.”.

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