

Planning and Development Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6420

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN

Title: MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEERS.

Vote Date: 3/2/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/19/2021

File No.: 57

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Tom Delnicki, 14th Dist.
Rep. David Michel, 146th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

The aim of this bill is to increase the property tax exemption for certain municipal volunteers from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

N/A

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

N/A

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Donna Hamzy, Advocacy Manager of CCM: Voiced opposition, claiming that the bill would increase the property tax abatement of first responders by \$1,000. According to testimony, towns often feel obligated to enact such options to buy good will from first responders. Towns are expected to receive decreasing aid from the state, and the bill would increase property taxes according to testimony, shifting the burden to other tax payers. Testimony proposes a more equitable solution of, " An income tax credit in lieu of a property tax credit, offered as a small measure of compensation for service would be then be shared by the entire state and not just the host community.

Reported by: Colin Savino

Date: 3/15/21