AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 12-81w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by ordinance, a program to provide property tax relief for a nonsalaried local emergency management director, any individual who volunteers his or her services as a firefighter, fire police officer, as defined in subsection (a) of section 7-308, emergency medical technician, paramedic, civil preparedness staff, active member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as defined in section 5-249, active member of a volunteer underwater search and rescue team, or ambulance driver in the municipality, or any individual who is a retired volunteer firefighter, fire police officer or emergency medical technician and has completed at least twenty-five years of service as a volunteer firefighter, fire police officer or emergency medical technician in the municipality. Such tax relief may provide either (1) an abatement of up to one thousand five hundred dollars in property
taxes due for any fiscal year, or (2) an exemption applicable to the
assessed value of real or personal property up to an amount equal to
the quotient of one million dollars divided by the mill rate, in effect at
the time of assessment, expressed as a whole number of dollars per
one thousand dollars of assessed value. Any ordinance may authorize
interlocal agreements for the purpose of providing property tax relief
to such volunteers who live in one municipality but volunteer or
volunteered their services in another municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

| Section 1 | July 1, 2019 | 12-81w |

Statement of Purpose:
To increase the property tax abatement for certain first responders
from one thousand dollars to one thousand five hundred dollars.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline,
except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is
not underlined.]

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