OLR Bill Analysis
HB 5153

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR BY FIREFIGHTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows firefighters, authorized municipal fire departments or volunteer fire company officials, and certain emergency services personnel to purchase or receive body armor without meeting the transferor of such body armor in person. Under current law, only specified law enforcement and military officials, or authorized officials purchasing on their behalf, may purchase body armor without meeting the seller in person.

Under the bill, emergency medical personnel include advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and authorized certified or licensed emergency medical service organization officials.

By law, body armor means any material designed to be worn on the body and to provide bullet penetration resistance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 20 Nay 4 (03/19/2019)