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Re: Advisory Opinion 07-06

You inquired whether you may participate and vote on Bill 1-07. The ethics commission advises that you may participate and vote on this bill. The legislation takes away 28 firefighter positions and creates 25 new lieutenant and 3 new battalion chief positions, and transfers appropriations to the fire department to pay for these changes. The changes are needed because of the creation of a new shift in the fire department.

Your spouse is a career firefighter, holding the rank of lieutenant. The bill will not impact your spouse because he is already a lieutenant and does not qualify for the rank of battalion chief. His pay will also be unaffected. For this reason, your spouse does not have an interest in the matter and §7-5-101(a)(1) does not prohibit your participation in the legislation.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

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