

Chapter 48

(House Bill 559)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Special Deputy Sheriffs ~~– Insurance Coverage~~

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing that county liability insurance shall be provided to a special deputy sheriff in Washington County only when the special deputy sheriff is performing certain duties~~ specifying that the duties to which the Sheriff of Washington County is required to assign special deputy sheriffs include certain duties; making the provision of county liability insurance to a special deputy sheriff discretionary, rather than mandatory; repealing a certain limitation on the provision of county liability insurance; establishing that designation as a special deputy sheriff does not authorize the special deputy sheriff to perform law enforcement duties outside the special deputy sheriff's jurisdiction except under certain circumstances; establishing that a special deputy sheriff is under the authority of the Sheriff of Washington County while the special deputy sheriff is performing certain duties; and generally relating to special deputy sheriffs in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(w)(4)(ii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(w)(4)(iii) and (iv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2–309.

(w) (4) (ii) The appointment of special deputy sheriffs is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Sheriff shall assign the special deputy sheriff who is a member of the police force to duties in the municipality where the special deputy sheriff is a member of the police force or to duties in other areas of the county, **INCLUDING:**

A. PERFORMING A VEHICLE TRAFFIC STOP RESULTING FROM THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF'S OBSERVATION THAT THE OPERATION OF THE VEHICLE ENDANGERED HUMAN LIFE;

B. STABILIZING A TRAFFIC SITUATION THAT IS ENDANGERING HUMAN LIFE;

C. STABILIZING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INVOLVES THE POTENTIAL FOR LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE, BODILY INJURY, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY;

D. RESPONDING AS AN INITIAL RESPONDER OR AN EMERGENCY RESPONDER AFTER BEING DISPATCHED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION BUT WHICH THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BELIEVED WAS IN THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION;

E. RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY UNDER A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT TO WHICH A MUNICIPALITY AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE PARTIES AND WHICH IS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE RESPONSE OR UNDER A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT UNDER § 2-105 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE IF THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT;

F. SERVING ON A TASK FORCE THAT IS JOINTLY OPERATED BY A MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; OR

G. SERVING ON A SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM THAT HAS BEEN ACTIVATED FOR A RESPONSE OUTSIDE THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION;

2. The Sheriff may terminate the appointment of the special deputy sheriff for cause or on completion of the assignment for which the special deputy sheriff was appointed;

3. The special deputy sheriff is not an employee of Washington County for the purpose of employment security or employee benefits; and

4. County liability insurance shall MAY be provided to a special deputy sheriff ~~only when the special deputy sheriff is acting within the special deputy sheriff's official duties as special deputy sheriff AND IS:~~

~~A. PERFORMING A VEHICLE TRAFFIC STOP IN WHICH THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF OBSERVED THAT THE OPERATION OF THE VEHICLE ENDANGERED HUMAN LIFE;~~

~~B. STABILIZING A TRAFFIC SITUATION WHICH IS ENDANGERING HUMAN LIFE;~~

~~C. STABILIZING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INVOLVES THE POTENTIAL FOR LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE, BODILY INJURY, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY;~~

~~D. RESPONDING AS AN INITIAL RESPONDER OR AN EMERGENCY RESPONDER IN WHICH THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF WAS DISPATCHED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION BUT WHICH THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BELIEVED WAS IN THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION;~~

~~E. RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY UNDER A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT TO WHICH A MUNICIPALITY AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE PARTIES AND WHICH IS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE RESPONSE OR UNDER A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT UNDER § 2-105 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE IF THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT;~~

~~F. SERVING ON A TASK FORCE THAT IS JOINTLY OPERATED BY A MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; OR~~

~~G. SERVING ON A SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM THAT HAS BEEN ACTIVATED FOR A RESPONSE OUTSIDE THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION.~~

(III) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH ~~(II)4~~ (II)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, DESIGNATION AS A SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES OUTSIDE THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION.

(IV) A SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF IS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SHERIFF OF WASHINGTON COUNTY WHILE THE SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF IS PERFORMING DUTIES AS A SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.