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By: **Senators Derr and Ferguson (Frederick County Senators)**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Sheriff's Office - Volunteer Police Officers - Workers'**  
3 **Compensation Coverage**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a volunteer police officer in Frederick County is a  
5 covered employee for purposes of the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act  
6 while performing work assigned by the sheriff of Frederick County; and  
7 eliminating Frederick County from a provision excluding members of volunteer  
8 police departments from workers' compensation coverage.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Labor and Employment  
11 Section 9-220 and 9-233  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Labor and Employment**

17 9-220.

18 (a) Each auxiliary police officer for Baltimore County is a covered employee  
19 while on duty as defined in the Baltimore County Police Manual of Rules,  
20 Regulations, and Procedures.

21 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each member  
22 of a volunteer police department is a covered employee.

23 (2) A member of a volunteer police department in Allegany, Carroll,  
24 Cecil, Charles, [Frederick,] Garrett, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset,  
25 Washington, or Worcester County is not a covered employee.

26 (3) For the purposes of this title, the political subdivision of the State  
27 where the department is organized is the employer of the covered employee in the  
28 department.

1 9-233.

2 (A) Each volunteer deputy sheriff of Cecil County is a covered employee while  
3 performing work assigned by the sheriff of the county.

4 (B) EACH VOLUNTEER POLICE OFFICER OF FREDERICK COUNTY IS A  
5 COVERED EMPLOYEE WHILE PERFORMING WORK ASSIGNED BY THE SHERIFF OF  
6 FREDERICK COUNTY.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 1998.