

SENATE BILL 198

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By: **Senators Ferguson and Mooney (Frederick County Senators)**

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Assigned to: Finance

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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 eligibility for medical benefits under the  
6 Maryland Workers' Compensation Act while performing work assigned by the  
7 sheriff of Frederick County; and eliminating Frederick County from a provision  
8 excluding members of volunteer police departments from workers' compensation  
9 coverage.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Labor and Employment

12 Section 9-220 and 9-233

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1991 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Labor and Employment**

18 9-220.

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

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

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

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

4 9-233.

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

7     (B)     EACH VOLUNTEER POLICE OFFICER OF FREDERICK COUNTY IS A  
8 COVERED EMPLOYEE ENTITLED TO MEDICAL BENEFITS UNDER §§ 9-660 AND 9-661  
9 OF THIS TITLE WHILE PERFORMING WORK ASSIGNED BY THE SHERIFF OF  
10 FREDERICK COUNTY.

11     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 1999.