
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation - Prince George's County Deputy Sheriffs**
3 **PG 310-01**

4 FOR the purpose of providing for enhanced public safety workers' compensation
5 benefits for Prince George's County deputy sheriffs.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Labor and Employment
8 Section 9-628
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Labor and Employment
13 Section 9-629
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Labor and Employment**

19 9-628.

20 (a) In this section "public safety employee" means:

21 (1) a firefighter, fire fighting instructor, or paramedic employed by:

22 (i) a municipal corporation;

23 (ii) a county;

24 (iii) the State;

1 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or

2 (v) a fire control district; [or]

3 (2) a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance, rescue, or advanced
4 life support worker who is a covered employee under § 9-234 of this title and who
5 provides volunteer fire or rescue services to:

6 (i) a municipal corporation;

7 (ii) a county;

8 (iii) the State;

9 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or

10 (v) a fire control district; [or]

11 (3) a police officer employed by:

12 (i) a municipal corporation;

13 (ii) a county;

14 (iii) the State;

15 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or

16 (v) the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
17 Commission; OR

18 (4) A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF.

19 (b) Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g) of this section, if a covered
20 employee is awarded compensation for less than 75 weeks in a claim arising from
21 events occurring on or after January 1, 1988, the employer or its insurer shall pay the
22 covered employee compensation that equals one-third of the average weekly wage of
23 the covered employee but does not exceed \$80.

24 (c) Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g) of this section, if a covered
25 employee is awarded compensation for less than 75 weeks in a claim arising from
26 events occurring on or after January 1, 1989, the employer or its insurer shall pay the
27 covered employee compensation that equals one-third of the average weekly wage of
28 the covered employee but does not exceed \$82.50.

29 (d) Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g) of this section, if a covered
30 employee is awarded compensation for less than 75 weeks in a claim arising from
31 events occurring on or after January 1, 1993, the employer or its insurer shall pay the
32 covered employee compensation that equals one-third of the average weekly wage of
33 the covered employee but does not exceed \$94.20.

1 (e) Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g) of this section, if a covered
2 employee is awarded compensation for less than 75 weeks in a claim arising from
3 events occurring on or after January 1, 2000, the employer or its insurer shall pay the
4 covered employee compensation that equals one-third of the average weekly wage of
5 the covered employee but does not exceed \$114.

6 (f) If a covered employee is awarded compensation for less than 75 weeks for
7 a disability listed in § 9-627(b) of this subtitle, the employer or its insurer shall pay
8 the covered employee weekly compensation at the rate set for an award of
9 compensation for a period greater than or equal to 75 weeks but less than 250 weeks
10 under § 9-629 of this subtitle.

11 (g) If a public safety employee is awarded compensation for less than 75
12 weeks, the employer or its insurer shall pay the public safety employee compensation
13 at the rate set for an award of compensation for a period greater than or equal to 75
14 weeks but less than 250 weeks under § 9-629 of this subtitle.

15 9-629.

16 If a covered employee is awarded compensation for a period equal to or greater
17 than 75 weeks but less than 250 weeks, the employer or its insurer shall pay the
18 covered employee weekly compensation that equals two-thirds of the average weekly
19 wage of the covered employee but does not exceed one-third of the State average
20 weekly wage.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
22 effect October 1, 2001.