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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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CHAPTER _____

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; and providing for the
6 application of this Act.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Labor and Employment
9 Section 9-628
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Labor and Employment
14 Section 9-629
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

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Article - Labor and Employment

2 9-628.

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

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

5 (i) a municipal corporation;

6 (ii) a county;

7 (iii) the State;

8 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or

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

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

13 (i) a municipal corporation;

14 (ii) a county;

15 (iii) the State;

16 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or

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

18 (3) a police officer employed by:

19 (i) a municipal corporation;

20 (ii) a county;

21 (iii) the State;

22 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or

23 (v) the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning

24 Commission; OR

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

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

1 (c) 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, 1989, 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 \$82.50.

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

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

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

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

25 9-629.

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

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to
32 claims arising from events occurring on or after October 1, 2001.

33 ~~SECTION 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
34 effect October 1, 2001.

