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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability - Office of the Sheriff**
3 **of Baltimore City**

4 FOR the purpose of extending enhanced workers' compensation benefits for certain
5 permanent partial disability claims to sworn officers of the Baltimore City
6 Sheriff's Office; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating
7 to workers' compensation benefits for sworn officers of the Baltimore City
8 Sheriff's Office.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Labor and Employment
11 Section 9-628
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article - Labor and Employment
16 Section 9-629
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Labor and Employment**

22 9-628.

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

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

25 (i) a municipal corporation;

26 (ii) a county;

- 1 (iii) the State;
- 2 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or
- 3 (v) a fire control district;
- 4 (2) a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance, rescue, or advanced
5 life support worker who is a covered employee under § 9-234 of this title and who
6 provides volunteer fire or rescue services to:
- 7 (i) a municipal corporation;
- 8 (ii) a county;
- 9 (iii) the State;
- 10 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or
- 11 (v) a fire control district;
- 12 (3) a police officer employed by:
- 13 (i) a municipal corporation;
- 14 (ii) a county;
- 15 (iii) the State;
- 16 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or
- 17 (v) the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
18 Commission;
- 19 (4) a Prince George's County deputy sheriff; [or]
- 20 (5) a Montgomery County deputy sheriff; OR
- 21 (6) A SWORN OFFICER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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

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

1 (d) 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, 1993, 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 \$94.20.

6 (e) 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, 2000, 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 \$114.

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

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

20 9-629.

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

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2006.