

HOUSE BILL 1400

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By: **Delegates Wood, Bohanan, Murphy, and O'Donnell**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2008

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation – Covered Employees – State Government Volunteer**
3 **Workers**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a volunteer worker for a unit of State government
5 is a covered employee under the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act;
6 specifying that, for certain purposes, the State is the employer of a certain
7 volunteer worker; using the federal minimum wage in effect at a certain time to
8 calculate a certain average weekly wage for certain purposes; and generally
9 relating to covered employment under workers' compensation law.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Labor and Employment

12 Section 9–231.1 and 9–602(m)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 **9–231.1.**

19 (A) **A VOLUNTEER WORKER FOR A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT IS A**
20 **COVERED EMPLOYEE.**

21 (B) **FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE, THE STATE IS THE EMPLOYER**
22 **OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A COVERED EMPLOYEE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

23 9–602.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(M) FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTING THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF**
2 **A VOLUNTEER WORKER WHO IS A COVERED EMPLOYEE UNDER § 9-231.1 OF**
3 **THIS TITLE, THE WAGES OF THE COVERED EMPLOYEE SHALL BE THE FEDERAL**
4 **MINIMUM WAGE THAT IS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENTAL**
5 **PERSONAL INJURY OR LAST INJURIOUS EXPOSURE.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2008.