

CHAPTER 541

(House Bill 1400)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Covered Employees – State Government Volunteer Workers

FOR the purpose of providing that a volunteer worker for a unit of State government is a covered employee under the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act; specifying that, for certain purposes, the State is the employer of a certain volunteer worker; ~~using the federal minimum wage in effect at a certain time to calculate a certain average weekly wage for certain purposes; limiting the benefits provided to a volunteer worker to certain medical services and treatment;~~ and generally relating to covered employment under workers' compensation law.

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 9-231.1 ~~and 9-602(m)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Labor and Employment

9-231.1.

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

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

~~9-602.~~

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CONSIST ONLY OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT UNDER SUBTITLE 6, PART IX OF THIS TITLE FOR A COMPENSABLE INJURY.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.