CHAPTER 539

(Senate Bill 376)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Workers' Compensation – Auxiliary Volunteer of Sheriff's Office

FOR the purpose of establishing that each auxiliary volunteer of the Charles County Sheriff's Office is a covered employee while performing work assigned by the Sheriff of the county; <u>specifying the computation of the average weekly wage of</u> <u>a certain auxiliary volunteer</u>; and generally relating to workers' compensation coverage of volunteers in the Charles County Sheriff's Office.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Labor and Employment Section 9–233 <u>and 9–602(j)</u> Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Labor and Employment

9–233.

(a) Each volunteer deputy sheriff of Cecil County is a covered employee while performing work assigned by the sheriff of the county.

(b) Each volunteer police officer of Frederick County is a covered employee entitled to medical benefits under \$\$ 9–660 and 9–661 of this title while performing work assigned by the Sheriff of Frederick County.

(C) EACH AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER OF THE CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS A COVERED EMPLOYEE WHILE PERFORMING WORK ASSIGNED BY THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY.

<u>9–602.</u>

(j) For the purpose of computing the average weekly wage of a volunteer deputy sheriff of Cecil County OR AN AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER OF THE CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE who is a covered employee under § 9–233 of this title, the wages of the covered employee shall be: (1) if the covered employee had other employment at the time of the accidental personal injury or last injurious exposure, the wages from the other employment;

(2) if the covered employee had had other employment but was not otherwise employed at the time of the accidental personal injury or last injurious exposure, the wages last received by the covered employee from the other employment; or

(3) if the covered employee had never had other employment at the time of the accidental personal injury or last injurious exposure, an amount that allows minimum compensation under this title.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2009.