

SENATE BILL 1058

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By: **Senator Conway**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2016

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation – Permanent Partial Disability – Baltimore City Deputy**
3 **Sheriffs**

4 FOR the purpose of providing for enhanced workers' compensation benefits for a Baltimore
5 City deputy sheriff for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than a
6 certain number of weeks; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
7 relating to workers' compensation benefits for Baltimore City deputy sheriffs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Labor and Employment

10 Section 9–628(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Labor and Employment

15 Section 9–628(h) and 9–629

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Labor and Employment**

21 9–628.

22 (a) In this section, “public safety employee” means:

23 (1) a firefighter, firefighting instructor, or paramedic employed by:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) a municipal corporation;
- 2 (ii) a county;
- 3 (iii) the State;
- 4 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or
- 5 (v) a fire control district;
- 6 (2) a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance, rescue, or advanced life
7 support worker who is a covered employee under § 9–234 of this title and who provides
8 volunteer fire or rescue services to:
- 9 (i) a municipal corporation;
- 10 (ii) a county;
- 11 (iii) the State;
- 12 (iv) the State Airport Authority; or
- 13 (v) a fire control district;
- 14 (3) a police officer employed by:
- 15 (i) a municipal corporation;
- 16 (ii) a county;
- 17 (iii) the State;
- 18 (iv) the State Airport Authority;
- 19 (v) the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- 20 or
- 21 (vi) the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;
- 22 (4) a Prince George’s County deputy sheriff or correctional officer;
- 23 (5) a Montgomery County deputy sheriff or correctional officer;
- 24 (6) an Allegany County deputy sheriff;
- 25 (7) a Howard County deputy sheriff, but only when the deputy sheriff is
26 performing law enforcement duties expressly requested, defined, and authorized in

1 accordance with a written memorandum of understanding executed between the Howard
2 County Sheriff and other law enforcement agencies;

3 (8) an Anne Arundel County deputy sheriff or detention officer; [or]

4 (9) a Baltimore County deputy sheriff, but only when the deputy sheriff
5 sustains an accidental personal injury that arises out of and in the course and scope of
6 performing duties directly related to:

7 (i) courthouse security;

8 (ii) prisoner transportation;

9 (iii) service of warrants;

10 (iv) personnel management; or

11 (v) other administrative duties; **OR**

12 **(10) A BALTIMORE CITY DEPUTY SHERIFF.**

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

17 9–629.

18 If a covered employee is awarded compensation for a period equal to or greater than
19 75 weeks but less than 250 weeks, the employer or its insurer shall pay the covered
20 employee weekly compensation that equals two-thirds of the average weekly wage of the
21 covered employee but does not exceed one-third of the State average weekly wage.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
23 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
24 application to any claims arising before the effective date of this Act.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2016.