

# HOUSE BILL 995

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By: **Delegate Waldstreicher**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation – Covered Employees – Performance of Essential**  
3 **Services During State of Emergency**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a certain individual is a covered employee for workers'  
5 compensation while traveling to and from the performance of certain essential  
6 services during an emergency; defining a certain term; providing for the application  
7 of this Act; and generally relating to workers' compensation and the performance of  
8 essential services during a state of emergency.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Labor and Employment  
11 Section 9–237  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Labor and Employment**

17 **9–237.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “EMERGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–101**  
19 **OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.**

20 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

21 **(1) IS EMPLOYED BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR A POLITICAL**  
22 **SUBDIVISION IN THE STATE; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) AT THE REQUEST OF THE EMPLOYER, PROVIDES MANDATORY**  
2 **ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE SAFETY, CARE, AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE**  
3 **DURING AN EMERGENCY DECLARED BY:**

4                   **(I) THE GOVERNOR; OR**

5                   **(II) THE MAYOR, EXECUTIVE, OR GOVERNING BODY OF A**  
6 **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.**

7           **(C) AN INDIVIDUAL IS A COVERED EMPLOYEE WHILE TRAVELING TO AND**  
8 **FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF MANDATORY ESSENTIAL SERVICES DURING AN**  
9 **EMERGENCY.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2017.