

## CHAPTER 715

(House Bill 577)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 34 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments", AND TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (a)(1) TO SAID SECTION 34 OF SAID ARTICLE, providing generally that certain members of volunteer fire companies and first aid, ambulance or rescue squads in Prince George's County shall be deemed covered by the Workmen's Compensation Law, and providing for the determinations of benefits and requiring the County Commissioners to issue PART payment of such compensation and a levy of a property tax sufficient to pay for such insurance and other matters incident thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 34 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments", be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, AND A NEW SUBSECTION (a)(1) BE AND IS HEREBY ADDED TO SECTION 34 OF SAID ARTICLE 101, TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUBSECTION (a) OF SAID SECTION, ALL to read as follows:

## 34.

(a) All members of all volunteer fire companies in Kent County ~~[and], Howard County and Prince George's County~~ **INCLUDING VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD COMPANIES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND HOWARD COUNTY** while going to or returning from or fighting a fire or while engaged as a member of any ambulance first aid or rescue squad created within such fire companies shall be deemed workmen for wages and engaged in extra-hazardous employment within the meaning of this article.

(a-1) ALL MEMBERS OF ALL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND RESCUE SQUADS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WHICH RECEIVE PAYMENTS OF FUNDS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 650 OF THE PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, WHILE ACTUALLY ON DUTY AS A FIREMAN OR RESCUE SQUADMAN AND AS A MEMBER OF SUCH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD, SHALL BE DEEMED WORKMEN FOR WAGES AND ENGAGED IN EXTRA HAZARDOUS EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE MEANING OF THIS ARTICLE.

(b) Compensation for injury or death shall be based upon the salary or wages received by a volunteer fireman in his private employment. Any volunteer fireman whose income is derived from any source other than salary or wages shall be entitled to the maximum compensation

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.