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(b) The following shall constitute employees subject to the provisions of this act, except as exempted under subsection (c) of this section:

(1) Every person, including a person under eighteen years of age, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed, in the service of an employer under any contract of hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, and all helpers and assistants of employees whether paid by the employer or employee, if employed with the knowledge, actual or constructive, of the employer.

~~-(2)~~ Every officer of the corporation ~~EXCEPT A CLOSE CORPORATION,~~ rendering services for said corporation for monetary remuneration except that an officer ~~may elect not to be covered~~ OF A CLOSE CORPORATION. [if the corporation maintains a health and accident insurance plan providing benefits for accidental injury or occupational disease equivalent to benefits available under the Workmen's Compensation Law.]

~~-(3)-~~ ~~(2)~~ Any employer, partner or sole proprietor or officer of a CLOSE corporation electing coverage under the provisions of § 67 (4) of this article.

~~-(4)-~~ ~~(3)~~ Every person in the service of any political subdivision or agency thereof, under any contract of hire, express or implied, and every official or officer thereof, whether elected or appointed, while performing his official duties. Except as provided in subsection 21 (c) ~~-(6)-~~ ~~(5)~~ of this act, every person who is a member of a volunteer fire or rescue squad or police department shall be deemed for the purpose of this act, to be in the employment of the political subdivision of the State where the department is organized. Except as provided in subsection 21 (c) ~~-(6)-~~ ~~(5)~~ of this act, every person who is a regularly enrolled volunteer member or trainee of the civil defense corps of this State as established under the Maryland Civil Defense Act shall be deemed, for the purposes of this act, to be in the employment of the State.

~~-(5)-~~ ~~(4)~~ Every person performing services for remuneration in the course of the trade, business, profession or occupation of an employer at the time of the injury, provided such person in relation to this service does not maintain a separate business, does not hold himself out to and render service to the public and not himself an employer subject to this act.

~~-(6)-~~ ~~(5)~~ Subject to the provisions of this section, every person regularly selling or distributing newspapers on the street or to customers at their homes or places of business. For the purposes of this act, such person shall be deemed an employee of any independent news agency for whom he shall sell newspapers, or of each