SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 364

(House Bill 911)

AN ACT concerning

Volunteer Firemen Fire Fighters and Rescue Squad Members

FOR the purpose of enabling volunteer firemen fire fighters or rescue squad members to obtain the benefits of the Federal Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act of 1976 by providing that volunteer firemen fire fighters and rescue squad members shall be considered on duty at certain times.

BY adding to

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations Section 45 Annotated Code of Maryland (1978 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

45.

ANY VOLUNTEER F#REMAN FIRE FIGHTER OR RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER WHO IS ENGAGED IN FIRE FIGHTING OR RESCUE ACTIVITIES WITH ANY ORGANIZED FIRE OR RESCUE COMPANY SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURPOSES OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' BENEFITS ACT OF 1976 TO BE "ON DUTY" DURING THE ACTIVITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 365

(House Bill 924)