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(a) All members of all volunteer fire companies in Caroline, Kent, Heward, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Frederick, WICOMICO, and Queen Anne's counties, all members of all rescue squads in Caroline, Kent, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Frederick, WICOMICO, and Queen Anne's counties, all members of all volunteer fire companies and rescue squads in Prince George's County which receive payments of funds as provided in § 650 of the Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, and all members of the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad in Prince George's County, while actually on duty as firemen or rescue squadmen and as members of such volunteer fire companies or rescue squads, shall be deemed workmen for wages and engaged in extra-hazardous employment within the meaning of this article. All such members shall be deemed to be on duty within the meaning hereof whenever they are (a) fighting a fire or while engaged as members of any ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad created within such fire companies, or (b) performing work or duties assigned to them by such companies or squads or by the written bylaws or rules of government adopted for such companies or squads, or (c) going to or returning from the performance of any of the foregoing. Such members shall not be deemed on duty when they are attending social functions at which their attendance or participation is not required by such written bylaws or rules.

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(c) The following employees are exempt from the coverage of this act:

(5) Members of volunteer police departments, nonsalaried members of boards or commissions, volunteer workers for agencies or departments of any political subdivisions, volunteer civil defense members or trainees, members of volunteer fire departments and rescue squads in the following counties: Allegany, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Washington, and Worcester counties. IN WORCESTER COUNTY, MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS MAY BE COVERED UNDER §34(E) OF THIS ARTICLE.

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(E) IN WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AS THE CASE MAY BE, MAY PROVIDE BY RESOLUTION FOR THE INCLUSION, IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTY, OF MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND RESCUE SQUADS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.