

[(2) A volunteer member or trainee in Allegany, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Washington, or Worcester County is not a covered employee.]

(b) For the purposes of this title, the State is the employer of each individual who is a covered employee under this section.

9-232.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) "CIVIL DEFENSE VOLUNTEER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS PRECERTIFIED OR PREREGISTERED WITH A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE DURING AN EMERGENCY.

(II) "CIVIL DEFENSE VOLUNTEER" INCLUDES A CREDENTIALLED OR REGISTERED MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER HEALTH CORPS ESTABLISHED BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(3) (I) "EMERGENCY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-101(C) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

(II) "EMERGENCY" INCLUDES:

1. A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AS DEFINED IN § 14-3A-01 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; AND

2. ANY EVENT FOR WHICH THE STATE PROVIDES VOLUNTEER SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH:

A. THE PROVISIONS FOR A STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER § 14-107 OR § 14-108 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE;

B. THE INTERSTATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL DEFENSE COMPACT UNDER § 14-602 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; OR

C. THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT UNDER § 14-702 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CIVIL DEFENSE VOLUNTEER IS A COVERED EMPLOYEE IF THE INDIVIDUAL SUSTAINS AN INJURY IN THE COURSE OF PROVIDING SERVICES AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE DURING AN EMERGENCY WHILE THE EMERGENCY MAY REASONABLY BE CONSIDERED TO BE IN EXISTENCE, OR DURING SCHEDULED EMERGENCY TRAINING.

(2) A CIVIL DEFENSE VOLUNTEER IS NOT ENTITLED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS OTHERWISE COVERED BY WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR SERVICES PERFORMED AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE DURING AN EMERGENCY OR SCHEDULED EMERGENCY TRAINING.