

government and nonprofit organizations, to offer financial assistance under both programs established under this Act to home buyers who seek to buy homes near their place of employment.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Housing and Community Development shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 31 each year, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this Act.

SECTION ~~3.~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 552

(House Bill 454)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation Insurance - Volunteer Fire and Rescue Companies

FOR the purpose of providing that a member of a certain volunteer fire and rescue company ~~is a covered employee~~ shall be covered by a policy of workers' compensation insurance while on duty; ~~repealing certain provisions relating to the status of members of volunteer fire and rescue companies in individual counties under the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act;~~ providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to workers' compensation ~~benefits~~ insurance for members of volunteer fire and rescue companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-234

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Labor and Employment

9-234.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "On duty" means:

1. fighting a fire;
2. performing a duty of a member of an advanced life support unit or an ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad in a volunteer company;