

(2) The County Council of Talbot County may provide by resolution for members of a volunteer company in the county to be covered employees while on duty.

(w) (1) Unless an election is made under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a member of a volunteer company in Washington County is not a covered employee.

(2) The Board of County Commissioners for Washington County may provide by resolution for members of a volunteer company in the county to be covered employees while on duty.

(x) (1) A member of a volunteer company in Wicomico County is a covered employee.

(2) The County Council of Wicomico County may provide by resolution for members of a volunteer company in the county to be a covered employee while on duty.

(y) (1) Unless an election is made under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a member of a volunteer company in Worcester County is not a covered employee.

(2) The Board of County Commissioners for Worcester County may provide by resolution for members of a volunteer company in the county to be covered employees while on duty.†

~~(c) A MEMBER OF A VOLUNTEER COMPANY IS A COVERED EMPLOYEE WHILE ON DUTY.~~

~~†(z)†~~ (1) For the purposes of this title, a member of a volunteer company who is a covered employee under this section is an employee of the political subdivision of the State where the volunteer company is organized.

(2) A MEMBER OF A VOLUNTEER COMPANY SHALL BE COVERED WHILE ON DUTY BY A POLICY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved May 26, 2005.

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## CHAPTER 553

(House Bill 461)

AN ACT concerning

**Workers' Compensation - Heart Disease and Hypertension Presumption -  
Montgomery County Correctional Officers**

MC 514-05

FOR the purpose of applying the occupational disease presumption under the workers' compensation law to Montgomery County correctional officers who