

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 224.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 224

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis - Fire and Explosive Investigators - Authority

FOR the purpose of providing that, under certain circumstances, an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator operating in Anne Arundel County or the City of Annapolis has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make an arrest without a warrant and exercise certain powers of arrest; authorizing an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator to exercise certain authority while operating outside Anne Arundel County or the City of Annapolis under certain circumstances; authorizing the Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis Fire Chief to limit certain authority of a fire and explosive investigator to make an arrest without a warrant or exercise certain powers of arrest; requiring the Fire Chief to express the limitation in writing; excluding an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator from the definition of "law enforcement officer" under the law relating to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; including an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator in the definition of "police officer" in connection with provisions of law relating to the Maryland Police Training Commission and the authorized carrying of a handgun by a person engaged in law enforcement; defining a certain term; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to certify certain fire and explosive investigators as police officers under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of Anne Arundel County and City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigators.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 4-201(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 4-201(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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