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the State where the department is organized. Except as provided in subsection (c)(5) of this section, every person who is a regularly enrolled volunteer member or trainee of the civil defense corps of this State as established under the Maryland Emergency Management and Civil Defense Act shall be deemed, for the purposes of this article, to be in the employment of the State.

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

(5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, 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.

(ii) In Charles, St. Mary's, Washington, and Worcester Counties, members of volunteer fire departments and rescue squads may be covered under § 34(e) of this article.

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(a) All members of all volunteer fire companies in Caroline, Kent, Howard, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Frederick, Montgomery, [and] Queen Anne's, AND CECIL counties, all members of all rescue squads in Caroline, Kent, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Frederick, Montgomery, [and] Queen Anne's, AND CECIL 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.

(b) Compensation for injury or death shall be based upon the salary or wages received by a volunteer fireman or volunteer rescue squadman in his private employment. Any volunteer fireman