

CHAPTER 160
(House Bill 1007)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Correctional Officers - Workers' Compensation

PG 318-00

FOR the purpose of extending the presumption of compensability under the workers' compensation law to include, subject to certain conditions, Prince George's County correctional officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring certain Prince George's County correctional officers to submit certain medical disclosures to the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Correctional Services; providing that, subject to a certain limitation, workers' compensation benefits received under this Act are in addition to certain retirement benefits; making a technical correction; and generally relating to compensability of Prince George's County correctional officers under the workers' compensation law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-503(b) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Labor and Employment

9-503.

(b) (1) A paid police officer employed by an airport authority, a county, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, a municipality, or the State, a deputy sheriff of Montgomery County, or, subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a Prince George's County deputy sheriff OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER is presumed to be suffering from an occupational disease that was ~~suffered~~ ~~CONTRACTED~~ in the line of duty and is compensable under this title if:

(i) the police officer [or], deputy sheriff, OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER is suffering from heart disease or hypertension; and

(ii) the heart disease or hypertension results in partial or total disability or death.

(2) (i) A Prince George's County deputy sheriff OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER is entitled to the presumption under this subsection only to the extent that the individual suffers from heart disease or