

City deputy sheriffs to submit certain medical reports to the Baltimore City Sheriff; and generally relating to compensability of Baltimore City deputy sheriffs 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 and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article - Labor and Employment

9-503.

(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 BALTIMORE CITY~~, a deputy sheriff of Montgomery County, or, subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a DEPUTY SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY, 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 in the line of duty and is compensable under this title if:

(i) the police officer, 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 DEPUTY SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY, 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 hypertension that is more severe than the individual's heart disease or hypertension condition existing prior to the individual's employment as a DEPUTY SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY, Prince George's County deputy sheriff, or Prince George's County correctional officer.

(ii) To be eligible for the presumption under this subsection, a DEPUTY SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY, Prince George's County deputy sheriff, or Prince George's County correctional officer, as a condition of employment, shall submit to a medical examination to determine any heart disease or hypertension condition existing prior to the individual's employment as a DEPUTY SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY, Prince George's County deputy sheriff, or Prince George's County correctional officer.

(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any paid firefighter, paid fire fighting instructor, sworn member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, paid police officer, paid law enforcement employee of the Department of Natural Resources, deputy sheriff of Montgomery County, DEPUTY SHERIFF OF