

## CHAPTER 230

(House Bill 277)

AN ACT concerning

### Workers' Compensation - Covered Employee - Domestic Worker

FOR the purpose of altering the earnings level above which a domestic worker in a private home is a covered employee; and generally relating to the earnings threshold for a domestic worker under workers' compensation law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Labor and Employment  
Section 9-209  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

#### Article - Labor and Employment

9-209.

(a) An individual who is employed as a domestic [servant] WORKER in a private home is a covered employee with respect to a household if the individual earns at least [\$750] **\$1,000** in cash in a calendar quarter from that household.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, an individual and the employer of the individual may elect to make the individual a covered employee by filing a joint election with the Commission, if the individual:

(i) is employed as a domestic [servant] WORKER in a private home; and

(ii) would not be a covered employee with respect to a household under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section because the individual earns less than [\$750] **\$1,000** in cash in a calendar quarter from that household.

(2) The right to make an election under paragraph (1) of this subsection for an individual may be exercised by:

(i) an individual who is at least 16 years old; or