

with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.

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## CHAPTER 350

(Senate Bill 752)

AN ACT concerning

### Workers' Compensation - Benefits for Dependents

FOR the purpose of clarifying that surviving dependents of certain individuals are eligible to receive the same workers' compensation benefits as the individual received at the time of death; and generally relating to workers' compensation benefits for dependents.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Labor and Employment  
Section 9-503  
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

9-503.

(a) A paid firefighter, paid fire fighting instructor, or sworn member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal employed by an airport authority, a county, a fire control district, a municipality, or the State or a volunteer firefighter, volunteer fire fighting instructor, volunteer rescue squad member, or volunteer advanced life support unit member who is a covered employee under § 9-234 of this title is presumed to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under this title if: