

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.

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## CHAPTER 619

(House Bill 683)

AN ACT concerning

### **Worcester County - Fire and Explosive Investigators - Authority**

FOR the purpose of providing that, under certain circumstances, a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator operating in Worcester County has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make an arrest without a warrant and exercise certain powers of arrest; authorizing a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator to exercise certain authority while operating outside Worcester County under certain circumstances; authorizing the Worcester County Fire Marshal to limit certain authority of a fire and explosive investigator to make an arrest without a warrant or exercise certain powers of arrest; requiring the Worcester County Fire Marshal to express the limitation in writing; excluding a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator from the definition of "law enforcement officer" under the law relating to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; including a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator in the definition of "police officer" in connection with provisions of law relating to the Maryland Police Training Commission and the authorized carrying of a handgun by a person engaged in law enforcement; defining certain terms; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to certify certain fire and explosive investigators as police officers under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of Worcester County fire and explosive investigators.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Criminal Law  
Section 4-201(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)