

members". In addition, the Attorney General recommended that the intended scope of coverage of members of volunteer advanced life support units be clarified by further legislation. The General Assembly may wish to consider clarifying the scope of coverage of members of volunteer advanced life support units.

In subsections (b)(2), (i)(2), (l)(2), (s)(2), (t)(2), (v)(2), (w)(2), and (x)(2) of this section, the phrase "while on duty" is substituted for the former phrases "as provided in subsection (a) of this section", since the referenced former Art. 101, § 34(a) is revised as a definition of "on duty".

In subsections (c), (e), (f), (h)(1), (k), (o)(1)(i), (p), and (r) of this section, the defined term "volunteer company" is substituted for the former terms "volunteer fire companies" and "rescue squads", for brevity and clarity. While former Art. 101, § 34(a) referred to "rescue squads", rather than "volunteer rescue squads", it was clear that the former provision was intended to provide coverage for volunteer members of a rescue squad. In any event, a paid member of a rescue squad would be covered under § 9-202 of this subtitle.

In subsection (k) of this section, the provisions of former Art. 101, § 21(c)(5)(i) that excluded a member of a volunteer company in Frederick County from coverage are deleted as obsolete in light of the later-enacted provisions of former Art. 101, § 34(a). The exclusion in former § 21(c)(5)(i) was enacted by Ch. 733, Acts of 1971, while Frederick County was included under former § 34(a) by Ch. 221, Acts of 1981.

In subsection (r) of this section, the provisions of former Art. 101, § 21(c)(5)(i) that excluded a member of a volunteer fire company in Queen Anne's County from coverage are deleted as obsolete in light of former Art. 101, § 34(a). The exclusion in former § 21(c)(5)(i) was enacted by Ch. 733, Acts of 1971, which Queen Anne's County was included under former § 34(a) by Ch. 61, Acts of 1975.

The Labor and Employment Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that this revision construes former Art. 101, § 34(a) to provide greater coverage than that under former Art. 101, § 21(b)(4). This revision reflects the understanding of the Committee that the phrase "on duty" in former Art. 101, § 34(a) has been construed to encompass activities that did not fall within former Art. 101, § 21(b)(4).

Consequently, in those counties where a member of a volunteer company was covered under both former Art. 101, §§ 21(b)(4) and 34(a), the revision treats coverage under § 21(b)(4) as subsumed by coverage under § 34(a). See, i.e., subsection (c) of this section.

This revision affects coverage in those counties that were subject to coverage under former Art. 101, § 34 before Ch. 733, Acts of 1971, substantially changed the scope of coverage under former Art. 101. For example, former Art. 101, § 34(b-1) made coverage in Harford County subject to election. However, the later-enacted provisions of former Art. 101, § 21(b)(4) made