

CHAPTER 327

(Senate Bill 173)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety and Emergency Services Personnel – Death Benefits

FOR the purpose of requiring the State to pay a certain amount of death benefits and funeral benefits if a firefighter or rescue squad member is killed or dies under certain circumstances; requiring certain death benefits and funeral benefits to be paid to certain children, parents, or the estate of certain public safety and emergency services personnel under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; requiring a certain death benefit to be adjusted to reflect a certain change in a certain index; altering a certain definition; making stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to death benefits for public safety and emergency services personnel.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 4-1002

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

4-1002.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Law enforcement officer" means:

(i) A law enforcement officer as defined in Article 27, § 727 of the Code;

(ii) An officer serving in a probationary status;

(iii) An officer who serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority of a county, incorporated municipality, or Baltimore City;

(iv) The security force of the Department of General Services;

(v) The special police of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene who are commissioned police officers; and

(vi) A sheriff or deputy sheriff of Baltimore City.

(3) "Children" means any natural, illegitimate, adopted, or posthumous children or stepchildren of the decedent ~~who are~~: