

(vii) a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2-208.4 of the Criminal Procedure Article; AND

(VIII) A CITY OF HAGERSTOWN FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR AS DEFINED IN § 2-208.5 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on July 1, 2008, the Maryland Police Training Commission shall certify as a police officer each City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator who meets the requirements of § 2-208.5 of the Criminal Procedure Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.

CHAPTER 429

(House Bill 745)

AN ACT concerning

City of Hagerstown - Fire and Explosives Investigators - Authority

FOR the purpose of providing that under certain circumstances, a City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator operating in the City of Hagerstown 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 arrests without a warrant and to exercise certain powers of arrest; authorizing a City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator to exercise certain authority while operating outside the City of Hagerstown under certain circumstances; authorizing the City of Hagerstown Fire Chief 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 City of Hagerstown Fire Chief to express the limitation in writing; excluding a City of Hagerstown 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 City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator in the definition of "police officer" in connection with provisions of law relating to the Maryland Police Training Commission and in the definition of "law enforcement official" in connection with the authorized carrying of a handgun by a person engaged in law