

CHAPTER 575

(Senate Bill 256)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 33 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Application of Article: Extra-Hazardous Employments", and to add new Section 34(b-2) to the said Article and sub-title of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 34(b-1) thereof, to remove provisions on workmen's compensation for members of volunteer fire companies in Harford County from an inapplicable section of the law and to authorize such coverage for members of volunteer fire companies in the county and to provide payment of premiums for this coverage.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 33 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Application of Article: Extra-Hazardous Employments", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Section 34(b-2) be and it is hereby added to the said Article and sub-title of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 34(b-1) thereof, and all to read as follows:

33. **[(a)]** Whenever the State, county, city or any municipality shall engage in any extra-hazardous work, within the meaning of this article, whether for pecuniary gain or otherwise, in which workmen are employed for wages, this article shall be applicable thereto.

In time of peace and while engaged in military service all officers and enlisted men of the organized militia of the State of Maryland shall be deemed workmen of the State for wages within the meaning of this section; provided that, whenever and so long as provision equal to or better than that given under the terms of this article is made by the federal government for an employee of the military department of Maryland injured in the course of employment, such employee shall not be entitled to the benefit of this article.

The officers of the Maryland State Police force, the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Police, the police of the Town of Laurel, the police of all other municipal corporations in Prince George's County which are subject to the provisions of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland, paid firemen employed by the fire departments of Prince George's County, the regular members of the police force, the paid firemen, the engineers, and linemen of the electric light plant of Frederick City, the members of the police department and of the fire department of the City of Cumberland, and all guards employed by any penal institutions of this State, shall be deemed workmen for wages within the meaning of this section.

Whenever and so long as by State law, city charter, or municipal ordinance, provision equal to or better than that given under the terms of this article is made for municipal employees injured in the course of employment, such employees shall not be entitled to the benefits of this article.

[(b)] In Harford County, any volunteer fire company may elect to