

Public Safety Employees Killed in Performance of Duties - Death Benefits

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the death benefit for certain public safety employees who are killed or die in the performance of duties on or after a certain date; altering the fiscal year for which the death benefit shall be adjusted in a certain manner; ~~providing for a delayed effective date;~~ making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to death benefits for public safety employees killed in the performance of duties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Public Safety

Section 1-202

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Public Safety

1-202.

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

(2) (i) "Child" means a natural or adopted, legitimate or illegitimate child or stepchild of the decedent.

(ii) "Child" includes a child or stepchild born posthumously.

(3) "Correctional officer" has the meaning stated in § 8-201(e)(1) of the Correctional Services Article.

(4) (i) "Law enforcement officer" has the meaning stated in § 3-101 of this article.

(ii) "Law enforcement officer" includes:

1. an officer who serves in a probationary status; and

2. an officer who serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority of a county or municipal corporation.

(5) "Performance of duties" includes, in the case of a volunteer or career firefighter or rescue squad member:

(i) actively participating in fighting a fire;

(ii) going to or from a fire;

(iii) performing other duties necessary to the operation or maintenance of the fire company;