

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 833

AN ACT concerning

**Worcester County - Fire and Explosive
Investigators - Authority**

FOR the purpose of providing that, under certain circumstances, a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator operating in Worcester County 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 an arrest without a warrant and exercise certain powers of arrest; authorizing a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator to exercise certain authority while operating outside Worcester County under certain circumstances; authorizing the Worcester County Fire Marshal 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 Worcester County Fire Marshal to express the limitation in writing; excluding a Worcester County 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 Worcester County fire and explosive investigator in the definition of "police officer" in connection with provisions of law relating to the Maryland Police Training Commission and the authorized carrying of a handgun by a person engaged in law enforcement; defining certain terms; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to certify certain fire and explosive investigators as police officers under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of Worcester County fire and explosive investigators.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Criminal Law
Section 4-201(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Criminal Law
Section 4-201(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)