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House Bill 1394
Judiciary

(Delegate Impallaria)

Judicial Proceedings

Harford County - Appointment of Fire Company Members as Deputy Sheriffs -
Number

This bill increases the number of fire company members in Harford County that a commanding officer can appoint as deputy sheriffs. Under the bill, the commanding officer may designate 20 members of the fire company as deputy sheriffs to perform certain duties at specified events, instead of only 12 members.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in Harford County expenditures for training of deputy sheriffs. County revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The commanding officer of a fire company in Allegany, Carroll, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Kent, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties may designate 12 members of the company to be deputy sheriffs to perform the duties of deputy sheriffs while functioning at parades, accidents, floods, other emergencies, or public events conducted by or under the auspices of the fire company or the sheriff's department. In Cecil County, the commanding officer of a fire company may designate 20 members of a fire company to be appointed deputy sheriffs.

The sheriff of Baltimore, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's counties may appoint deputy sheriffs members of fire companies to exercise the powers of deputy sheriffs at fires and while going to or from fires.

In Washington County, the commanding officer of a fire and ambulance company may designate to the county sheriff up to 20 members of that company for appointment as fire police in the county. The powers of appointees are limited to traffic control and scene safety while functioning at parades, accidents, fires, floods, other emergencies, or public events conducted by a fire or ambulance company or the sheriff's department. These powers may be exercised in a municipality in the county, subject to the discretion, and control of the chief of the police force of the municipality; or in other areas of the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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