

# SENATE BILL 897

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By: **Senators Exum and Kittleman**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation Commission - Medical Fee Guide Committee -**  
3 **Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission to establish a  
5 committee within the Commission to review its guide of medical and surgical  
6 fees; requiring that the membership of the committee, at all times, consist of  
7 one or more dentists who practice dentistry in the State; and generally relating  
8 to the Workers' Compensation Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Labor and Employment  
11 Section 9-663(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Labor and Employment**

17 9-663.

18 (b) (1) The Commission may regulate fees and other charges for medical  
19 services or treatment under this subtitle.

20 (2) Each fee or other charge for medical service or treatment under  
21 this subtitle is limited to the amount that prevails in the same community for similar  
22 treatment of an injured individual with a standard of living that is comparable to that  
23 of the covered employee.

24 (3) At least once every 2 years, the Commission shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) review its guide of medical and surgical fees for  
2 completeness and reasonableness; and

3 (ii) make appropriate revisions to the guide of medical and  
4 surgical fees.

5 (4) (I) **THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE**  
6 **WITHIN THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW ITS GUIDE OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL**  
7 **FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

8 (II) **THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL, AT ALL**  
9 **TIMES, CONSIST OF ONE OR MORE DENTISTS WHO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE**  
10 **STATE.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2008.