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	By: Delegate Feldman Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2011 Assigned to: Economic Matters			
	A BILL ENTITLED			
1	AN ACT concerning			
$\frac{2}{3}$	Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight – Membership			
$4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8$	FOR the purpose of increasing the membership of the Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight to include a certain member; repealing obsolete provisions; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to membership of the Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight.			
$9 \\ 10 \\ 11 \\ 12 \\ 13$	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Government Section 2–10A–03 Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)			
$\begin{array}{c} 14 \\ 15 \end{array}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
16	Article – State Government			

172-10A-03.

18 There is a Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and (a) 19Insurance Oversight.

- 20The Committee consists of [15] 16 members. (b) (1)
- Of the [15] **16** members: 21(2)
- 22(i) 1. 2 shall be members of the Senate appointed by the 23President of the Senate; AND

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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$\frac{1}{2}$	2. House of Delegates; and	2 shall be Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the
$\frac{3}{4}$	(ii) [1 Speaker as follows:	11] 12 shall be appointed jointly by the President and the
5	1.	. 1 representative of the business community;
6	2.	. 1 representative of the Maryland labor organizations;
7 8	3. construction labor organizat	
9 10	4. GOVERNMENT ENTITY;	. 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF A SELF-INSURED LOCAL
11	[4	4.] 5. 2 members of the public;
12	[5	5.] 6. 1 member of the insurance industry;
13 14	[6] Faculty of Maryland;	6.] 7. 1 member of the Medical and Chirurgical
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16\end{array}$	[7 organization;	7.] 8. 1 member of a workers' compensation rating
17 18 19	Maryland, 1 of whom repr	8.] 9. 2 members of the Bar of the Court of Appeals of resents plaintiffs in workers' compensation cases and 1 of ts in workers' compensation cases; and
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$		9.] 10. 1 member who is certified by the Workers' as a Maryland rehabilitation service provider.
$\begin{array}{c} 22\\ 23 \end{array}$	(c) The members officer who appointed them.	of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the presiding .
$\frac{24}{25}$	(d) The President Delegate each to serve as co	and the Speaker shall jointly appoint a Senator and a ochair.
26	(e) (1) [(i)] T	he Committee shall examine and evaluate:
$\begin{array}{c} 27\\ 28 \end{array}$	[1 benefit and insurance struct	1.] (I) the condition of the workers' compensation eture in the State; and
29 30	[2 of Maryland of 1987 on that	2.] (II) the effect of Chapters 590 and 591 of the Laws t structure.

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1 [(ii)] (2) This examination shall include the regulations 2 adopted by the Workers' Compensation Commission that are to be used by physicians 3 to measure impairment when preparing medical evaluations of claimants.

4 [(2) The Committee shall review the adequacy and appropriateness of 5 all benefits specified in §§ 9–626 and 9–627(a) and (b) of the Labor and Employment 6 Article and make recommendations for necessary changes prior to the 1992 Regular 7 Session of the General Assembly.

8 (3) The Committee shall direct the Insurance Commissioner to 9 prepare a feasibility study on alternative methods to determine the provision for claim 10 payment and to submit the study to the Governor and the Legislative Policy 11 Committee on or before January 1, 1991.]

12 (f) The Insurance Commissioner and the Workers' Compensation 13 Commission shall:

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(1) cooperate fully with the Committee;

15 (2) keep the Committee fully informed as to the condition of workers' 16 compensation benefits and workers' compensation insurance in the State and the 17 effect of Chapters 590 and 591 of the Laws of Maryland of 1987 on those benefits and 18 that insurance; and

19 (3) submit an annual report, subject to § 2–1246 of this title, to the 20 Committee on or before October 1 of each year that incorporates the information 21 described in [paragraph] ITEM (2) of this subsection.

(g) The Committee shall report to the Governor and the Legislative PolicyCommittee on December 31 of each year.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 25 October 1, 2011.