SENATE BILL 854

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By: Senator Zirkin

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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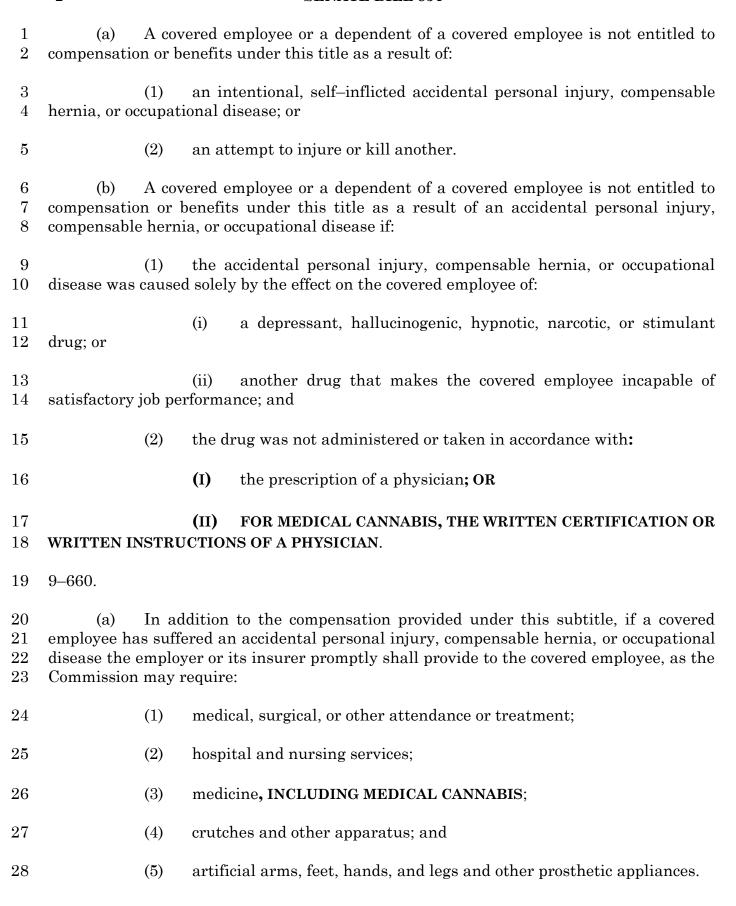
Workers' Compensation - Medical Cannabis - Compensation and Benefits

- 3 FOR the purpose of providing that a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee 4 is not entitled to compensation or benefits under the workers' compensation law if a 5 certain accidental personal injury, compensable hernia, or occupational disease was 6 caused solely by the effect of medical cannabis on the employee and the medical 7 cannabis was not administered or taken with the written certification or written 8 instructions of a physician; including medical cannabis in the medicine that an 9 employer or its insurer is required to provide to a covered employee under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to 10 11 compensation or benefits under workers' compensation law.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Labor and Employment
- 14 Section 9–506(a) and 9–660(b)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 18 Article Labor and Employment
- 19 Section 9–506(b) and 9–660(a)
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Labor and Employment

25 9-506.

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- (b) The employer or its insurer shall provide the medical services and treatment required under subsection (a) of this section for the period required by the nature of the accidental personal injury, compensable hernia, or occupational disease.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any claim arising from events occurring before the effective date of this Act.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 8 October 1, 2019.