



Testimony of

American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)

House Economic Matters Committee

Senate Bill 695 - Labor and Employment - Uninsured Employers' Fund Board - Membership and Reserves

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Favorable

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA) is a national trade organization whose members write approximately 67% of the U.S. property and casualty insurance market, including 90% percent of Maryland's workers' compensation market. APCIA appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in support of Senate Bill 695.

This bill would make a simple change by increasing the size of the board of the Uninsured Employers' Fund (UEF) from three members to five members. It also requires that 2 of the 5 members have substantial experience as officers or employees of a property and casualty insurance company; one have substantial experience in the field of accounting or finance; one shall be a workers' compensation policyholder in the State, and one shall be a member of the general public. In addition the Board is required to establish reserves to meet potential losses. All of these changes would assist in better oversight of the UEF and address its current financial shortcomings.

For these reasons, APCIA urges the Committee to provide a favorable report on Senate Bill 695.

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