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**By: Senator Derr (Chairman, Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee)**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation - Benefits for Permanent Partial Disability - Extension of Sunset**  
3 **Provision**

4 FOR the purpose of delaying the termination of certain changes to the workers'  
5 compensation benefit structure for permanent partial disability in order to continue  
6 to exempt loss of the thumb, fingers, and great toe from the lower tier of benefits;  
7 and generally relating to delaying the termination of certain changes to the benefit  
8 structure for permanent partial disability.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Chapter 591 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1987, as amended by Chapter  
11 11 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1989, Chapter 97 of the Acts of the  
12 General Assembly of 1990, Chapter 545 of the Acts of the General Assembly  
13 of 1992, and Chapter 171 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994  
14 Section 8

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

17 **Chapter 591 of the Acts of 1987, as amended by Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1989, Chapter**  
18 **97 of the Acts of 1990, Chapter 545 of the Acts of 1992, and Chapter 171 of the Acts of**  
19 **1994**

20 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the changes made to §§  
21 36(3)(c) and 36(3)(a)(i)2. of this Article, now codified as §§ 9-626, 9-627(b), and  
22 9-628(d) of the Labor and Employment Article, take effect January 1, 1988 and shall  
23 remain in effect for a period of [9] 13 years and, at the end of January 1, [1997] 2001,

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1 with no further action required by the General Assembly, these changes shall be  
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1996.