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**By: Senators Ruben, Amoss, Boozer, Lawlah, McFadden, and Munson (Public Safety, Transportation, Economic Development, and Department of Natural Resources Subcommittee)**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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Rules 32(a) and 32(b) suspended

Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Injured Workers' Insurance Fund - Appointments with Independent Insurance Agents**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund to  
4 offer certain appointments with certain independent agents to issue insurance  
5 policies to employers under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency  
6 measure; and generally relating to certain appointments for the provision of  
7 workers' compensation insurance by the Board for the Injured Workers' Fund with  
8 certain independent agents.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Labor and Employment  
11 Section 10-139  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1991 Volume and 1995 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 10-139.

18 IF THE BOARD OFFERS A DIRECT CONTRACTED APPOINTMENT WITH AN  
19 INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, OR OTHER PERSON THAT ACTS AS AN  
20 INDEPENDENT AGENT AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 48A, § 166 OF THE CODE TO  
21 ISSUE INSURANCE POLICIES TO EMPLOYERS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE BOARD  
22 SHALL DIRECTLY APPOINT AND CONTRACT WITH ANY INDEPENDENT AGENT THAT:

23 (1) APPLIES TO THE BOARD FOR A DIRECT APPOINTMENT; AND

24 (2) HAS BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION BY THE  
25 STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER UNDER ARTICLE 48A, § 168 OF THE CODE TO  
26 OFFER WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
2 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has  
3 been passed by a yea and a nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected  
4 to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it  
5 is enacted.