

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 501 (Senator Derr) (Chairman, Workers' Compensation Benefit and  
Insurance Oversight Committee)

Finance

Referred to Economic Matters

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**Workers' Compensation**

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This enrolled bill extends the termination date for changes made to the workers' compensation benefit structure in 1987 which altered minimum compensation benefits for permanent partial disabilities and included special provisions for the loss of a thumb, finger, and toe. The termination date is changed from January 1, 1997 to January 1, 2001.

In addition, the bill increases the membership of the Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight from 12 to 14. The two additional members must be members of the bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, one of whom represents plaintiffs in workers' compensation cases and one of whom represents defendants.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Revenues and expenditures would not be affected because the bill maintains the current benefit structure for workers' compensation claims. Any reimbursement expenditures for the two additional members could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Workers' Compensation Commission, Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, Subsequent Injury Fund

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