
By: Delegate M. Burns

Requested: July 10, 1996

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 1997

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation - Loss of Benefits During Incarceration**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting collection or accumulation of benefits under the workers'
4 compensation laws by an individual who is incarcerated after conviction of a crime;
5 and relating generally to workers' compensation benefits.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Labor and Employment
8 Section 9-607
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1991 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Labor and Employment**

14 9-607.

15 (a) The Commission may not award compensation to a prisoner who is a covered
16 employee under § 9-221 of this title until the prisoner is discharged by pardon, parole, or
17 expiration of sentence.

18 (b) If a prisoner WHO IS A COVERED EMPLOYEE UNDER § 9-221 OF THIS TITLE
19 dies from an accidental personal injury, the dependents of the prisoner are entitled to
20 compensation under this title, based on the average weekly wage of the prisoner.

21 (C) IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AWARDED BENEFITS UNDER THIS TITLE
22 BECOMES INCARCERATED, THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ENTITLED TO BENEFITS AND
23 BENEFITS MAY NOT ACCRUE DURING THE PERIOD OF INCARCERATION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 1997.