

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 592

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 2, strike “Insurers”; in line 3, after “for” insert “certain governmental self-insurance groups, employers that self-insure, and”; in line 4, after “State” insert “; requiring the Workers’ Compensation Commission to report on or before a certain date to certain committees of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to office and personnel requirements for certain governmental self-insurance groups, employers that self-insure, and insurers providing workers’ compensation insurance in the State”; and in line 7, after “Section” insert “9-404(g), 9-405(d), and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

After line 12, insert:

9-404.

(g) (1) Each governmental self-insurance group shall have in the State [an office run by] a competent individual who handles all [of the] DISPUTED workers’ compensation [work] CLAIMS in the State for the governmental self-insurance group.

(2) Each governmental self-insurance group shall establish a toll-free telephone number through which an employee or claimant, or a representative of an employee or claimant, may make direct telephone inquiries during regular business hours.

(3) The Commission may assess a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on a governmental self-insurance group that does not comply with this subsection.

9-405.

(Over)

(d) (1) Each employer that self-insures under this section shall have in the State [an office run by] a competent individual who handles all [of the] DISPUTED workers' compensation [work] CLAIMS in the State for the employer.

(2) Each employer that self-insures under this section shall establish a toll-free telephone number through which an employee or claimant, or a representative of an employee or claimant, may make direct telephone inquiries during regular business hours.

(3) The Commission may assess a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on a self-insurer that does not comply with this subsection.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

After line 22, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, with regard to the changes made in Section 1 of this Act to the office and personnel requirements for governmental self-insurance groups, employers that self-insure, and insurers providing workers' compensation in the State, the Workers' Compensation Commission shall report, on or before November 30, 2002, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the number and types of complaints that the Commission has received from October 1, 2001 through November 1, 2002 and the status of those complaints;

(2) the number and types of violations that the Commission has identified from October 1, 2001 through November 1, 2002 and the status of those violations; and

(3) any recommendations for changes to the law.”;

in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 24, after “2001.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.