BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1223, AS AMENDED

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike the Finance Committee Amendments (HB1223/807077/1) in their entirety.

On page 1 of the bill, in line 6, after "State" insert "; and requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission to report on or before a certain date to certain committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to office and personnel requirements for certain employers that self-insure and insurers providing workers' compensation insurance in the State".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, strike beginning with "<u>Each</u>" in line 16 down through "<u>employer</u>" in line 18 and substitute "<u>EACH EMPLOYER THAT SELF-INSURES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL HAVE IN THE STATE COMPETENT INDIVIDUALS WHO:</u>

- (I) HANDLE AND ADJUST EACH DISPUTED WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM IN THE STATE FOR THE EMPLOYER; AND
- (II) POSSESS THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO HANDLE AND ADJUST EACH DISPUTED CLAIM".

On page 2 of the bill, strike beginning with "An" in line 4 down through "insurer" in line 6 and substitute "AN INSURER THAT PROVIDES WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE IN THE STATE SHALL HAVE IN THE STATE COMPETENT INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- (1) HANDLE AND ADJUST EACH DISPUTED WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM IN THE STATE FOR THE INSURER; AND
 - (2) POSSESS THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO HANDLE AND

ADJUST EACH DISPUTED CLAIM".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 of the bill, after line 12, 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 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.";

and in line 13, strike "2." and substitute "3.".