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By: **Delegate McClenahan**

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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation Insurers and Self-Insurers - Office and Personnel**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the office and personnel requirements for certain
5 employers that self-insure and insurers providing workers' compensation
6 insurance in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Labor and Employment
9 Section 9-405(d) and 9-410
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Labor and Employment**

15 9-405.

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

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

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

3 9-410.

4 (a) An insurer that provides workers' compensation insurance in the State
5 shall have in the State [an office run by] a competent individual who handles all [of
6 the] DISPUTED workers' compensation [work] CLAIMS in the State for the insurer.

7 (b) An insurer that provides workers' compensation insurance in the State,
8 shall establish a toll-free telephone number through which an insured or claimant, or
9 a representative of an insured or claimant, may make direct telephone inquiries
10 during regular business hours.

11 (c) The Commission may assess a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on an insurer that
12 does not comply with this section.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2001.