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Senate Bill 766

(Senator Dorman)

Finance

Economic Matters

**Workers' Compensation - Statewide Public Information Program and
Certification of Compliance**

This bill requires the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) to establish and promote a statewide public information program on workers' compensation coverage. The bill specifies content to be included in the information program. Through the program, WCC must make available: (1) written materials in places easily accessible to the public, including the Internet, libraries, and public office buildings; and (2) forms to be distributed by units of State government that come into contact with potential employers of covered employees. The bill also repeals sections of the code that require employers to file either a certificate of compliance with the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act or the number of a workers' compensation insurance binder or policy before various licenses and permits may be issued.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund expenditures for WCC to print and distribute public information materials.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Before a State or local agency may issue a license or permit to an employer to engage in activities in which a covered employee may be employed, the

employer must file with the agency: (1) a certificate of compliance with the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act; or (2) the number of a workers' compensation insurance binder or policy.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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