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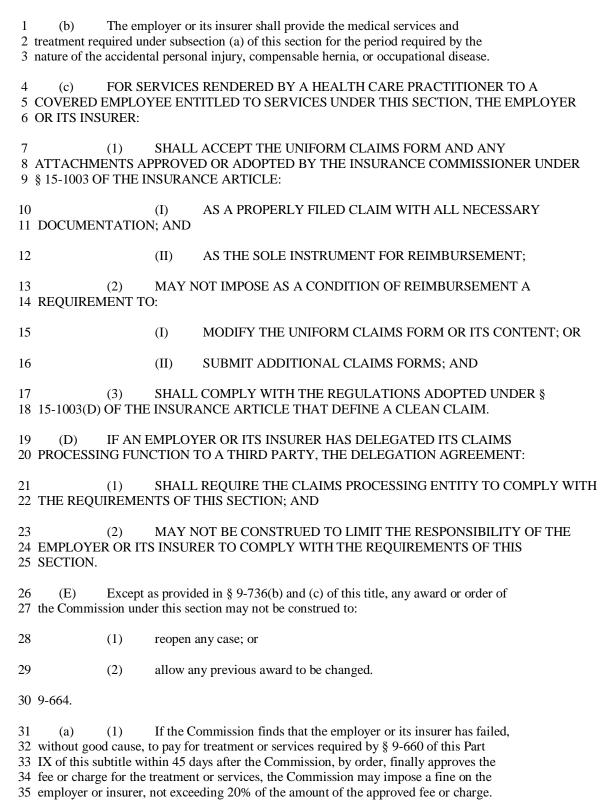
By: Senator Exum Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2002 Assigned to: Finance A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Workers' Compensation - Payment to a Health Care Practitioner - Claims 3 FOR the purpose of requiring an employer or its insurer to accept a certain form for certain reimbursements; requiring an employer or its insurer to comply with 4 5 certain regulations; prohibiting an employer or its insurer from requiring the 6 modification of a certain form or requiring other forms; requiring accrued interest to be paid to a certain health care provider in a certain manner; and 7 8 generally relating to workers' compensation. 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- Article Labor and Employment 10
- Section 9-660 and 9-664 11
- Annotated Code of Maryland 12
- (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement) 13
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 14
- 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## 16 **Article - Labor and Employment**

17 9-660.

- In addition to the compensation provided under this subtitle, if a covered 18 (a)
- 19 employee has suffered an accidental personal injury, compensable hernia, or
- 20 occupational disease the employer or its insurer promptly shall provide to the covered
- 21 employee, as the Commission may require:
- 22 (1) medical, surgical, or other attendance or treatment;
- 23 (2) hospital and nursing services;
- medicine; 24 (3)
- 25 (4) crutches and other apparatus; and
- 26 (5) artificial arms, feet, hands, and legs and other prosthetic appliances.



## **SENATE BILL 663**

1 2	(2) deposited in the G		The employer or insurer shall pay the fine to the Commission to be eral Fund of the State.	
	(b) (1) accrue at the rate s to the provider tha	pecified in	, payable to the provider of the treatment or services, shall § 11-107(a) of the Courts Article on any amount owed	
6		(i)	is due and payable; and	
7 8	due has been maile	(ii) ed.	remains unpaid more than 45 days after notice of the payment	
9	(2)	Interest	shall accrue beginning on the 46th day after the later of:	
10		(i)	the day the payment becomes due; or	
11		(ii)	the day the notice of the payment due is mailed.	
_	2 (3) THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER SHALL PAY ANY INTEREST DUE UNDER 3 THIS SUBSECTION TO THE PROVIDER OF THE TREATMENT OR SERVICE WITHOUT 4 REQUIRING THE PROVIDER TO SUBMIT AN ADDITIONAL CLAIM FOR INTEREST.			
15 16	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.			