
By: **Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental -
Workers' Compensation Commission)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation Commission - Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Workers' Compensation Commission to adopt
4 regulations for the payment of certain vocational rehabilitation services;
5 authorizing the Commission to regulate fees and other charges for certain
6 vocational rehabilitation services; and generally relating to the regulation of
7 vocational rehabilitation services by the Workers' Compensation Commission.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Labor and Employment
10 Section 9-663
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Labor and Employment**

16 9-663.

17 (a) (1) The Commission shall adopt regulations setting standards for the
18 assessment of fines under § 9-664 of this Part IX of this subtitle.

19 (2) The Commission may adopt regulations about:

20 (i) the provision of medicine and medical, nursing, and hospital
21 services to a covered employee;

22 (ii) payment for the medicine and services; [and]

23 (III) PAYMENT FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES; AND

24 [(iii)] (IV) the exercise by the Chairman of the Commission of the
25 powers granted under § 9-662 of this subtitle.

1 (b) (1) The Commission may regulate fees and other charges for:
2 (I) medical services or treatment under this subtitle; AND
3 (II) VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES UNDER THIS
4 SUBTITLE.

5 (2) Each fee or other charge for medical service or treatment under this
6 subtitle is limited to the amount that prevails in the same community for similar
7 treatment of an injured individual with a standard of living that is comparable to that
8 of the covered employee.

9 (3) At least once every 2 years, the Commission shall:

10 (i) review its guide of medical and surgical fees for completeness
11 and reasonableness; and

12 (ii) make appropriate revisions to the guide of medical and surgical
13 fees.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
15 effect October 1, 2003.