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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation Commissioners - Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that each member of the Workers' Compensation  
 4 Commission have certain experience practicing before the Workers'  
 5 Compensation Commission or demonstrated academic expertise in State  
 6 workers' compensation law; providing for the application of this Act; and  
 7 generally relating to the membership qualifications of Workers' Compensation  
 8 Commissioners.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 10 Article - Labor and Employment  
 11 Section 9-302(b)  
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Labor and Employment**

17 9-302.

18 (b) (1) Each member of the Commission:

19 (i) at the time of appointment, shall be at least 30 years old; and

20 (ii) for at least 5 years immediately before appointment, shall have  
 21 been a resident of the State.

1 (2) Each member of the Commission shall:

2 (i) be a resident of the State;

3 (ii) be a citizen and qualified voter of the State;

4 (iii) have been admitted to practice law in the State; [and]

5 (IV) ~~HAVE SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE PRACTICING BEFORE THE~~  
6 COMMISSION OR DEMONSTRATED ACADEMIC EXPERTISE IN STATE WORKERS'  
7 COMPENSATION LAW; AND

8 [(iv)] (V) be distinguished for integrity, sound legal knowledge,  
9 and wisdom.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
11 Workers' Compensation Commission members appointed on or after October 1, 2005.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2005.