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By: Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental -**Workers' Compensation Commission)** Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2006 Assigned to: Economic Matters Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: February 28, 2006 CHAPTER____ 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Workers' Compensation - Governmental Self-Insurance Group and 3 **Self-Insurance by Individual Employers** FOR the purpose of increasing certain maximum limits on the amount that the 4 Workers' Compensation Commission may assess governmental self-insurance 5 groups and self-insured employers; and generally relating to Workers' 6 Compensation Commission self-insurance. 7 8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article - Labor and Employment 9 Section 9-404(a) and 9-405(a) 10 11 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement) 12 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Labor and Employment 14 Section 9-404(i) and 9-405(e) 15

- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1 **Article - Labor and Employment** 2 9-404. The Commission shall adopt regulations setting procedures and other 3 (a) 4 requirements for a governmental self-insurance group to establish joint 5 self-insurance coverage. To be informed of the continuing financial responsibility of each (1) 6 (i) governmental self-insurance group, the Commission: 8 shall require each governmental self-insurance group to submit (i) 9 a report at least once each year; and 10 (ii) may examine the governmental self-insurance group under 11 oath and make other examination of the business of the governmental self-insurance 12 group. 13 Each year, the Commission shall assess each governmental (2) 14 self-insurance group an amount not exceeding [\$500] \$1,500 to be used for actuarial 15 studies and audits. 16 9-405. 17 (a) Each employer who wants to self-insure under this section shall satisfy the Commission that the employer is financially able to pay compensation. To be informed of the continuing financial responsibility of each 19 (e) (1) 20 employer who self-insures under this section, the Commission: 21 (i) shall require each employer to submit a report at least once 22 each year; and 23 may examine the employer under oath and make other (ii) examination of the business of the employer. 25 (2) Each year, the Commission shall assess each self-insured employer 26 an amount not exceeding [\$500] \$1,500 to be used for actuarial studies and audits. SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 27 28 effect July 1, 2006.