

# HOUSE BILL 453

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By: **Delegates Jameson and Minnick**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation – Jurisdiction Pending Appeal – Proposed**  
3 **Settlement**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the circumstances under which the Workers'  
5 Compensation Commission retains jurisdiction pending an appeal of a  
6 Commission order to include a request for approval of a proposed settlement of  
7 all or part of a claim; and generally relating to the jurisdiction of the  
8 Commission pending an appeal of a workers' compensation order.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Labor and Employment  
11 Section 9–742  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 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 9–742.

18 (a) The Commission retains jurisdiction pending an appeal to consider:

19 (1) a request for additional medical treatment and attention; [and]

20 (2) a request for temporary total disability benefits, provided that the  
21 covered employee's temporary total disability benefits were granted in the order on  
22 appeal, and were terminated by the insurer or self-insurer pending adjudication or  
23 resolution of the appeal; AND

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(3) A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF**  
2 **ALL OR PART OF A CLAIM.**

3           (b) (1) If the Commission finds that a covered employee needs additional  
4 medical attention pending an appeal, the Commission may pass a supplemental order  
5 requiring the employer to provide additional medical treatment and attention.

6           (2) If the Commission finds that a covered employee's temporary total  
7 disability benefits were terminated pending adjudication or resolution of the appeal,  
8 and that the employee was temporarily totally disabled at the time of termination, the  
9 Commission may pass a supplemental order requiring the employer to provide the  
10 employee with temporary total disability benefits.

11           (3) If the Commission's decision to reinstate temporary total disability  
12 benefits is reversed or modified on appeal, the insurer or self-insurer shall be entitled  
13 to an offset or credit for overpayment of the temporary total disability benefits granted  
14 in the supplemental order.

15           (c) A supplemental order passed by the Commission under this section is  
16 subject to review on the pending appeal.

17           (d) When an appeal that is pending relates solely to a penalty imposed by the  
18 Commission, the Commission retains jurisdiction over all matters in the case other  
19 than imposition of the penalty.

20           (e) This section may not be construed to prevent the Commission from  
21 ordering an offset or credit against an award for temporary total or permanent partial  
22 disability benefits for any temporary total disability benefits previously paid to a  
23 covered employee, as authorized under any other provision of this title.

24           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2011.