HOUSE BILL 614

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Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Workers' Compensation - Medical Cannabis - Compensation and Benefits

- FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to compensation or benefits under the workers' compensation law to include circumstances related to the use of medical cannabis; including medical cannabis in the medicine that an employer or its insurer is required to provide to a covered employee except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to compensation and benefits under workers' compensation law.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Labor and Employment
- 11 Section 9–506(a) and 9–660(b)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Labor and Employment
- 16 Section 9–506(b) and 9–660(a)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Labor and Employment

22 9-506.

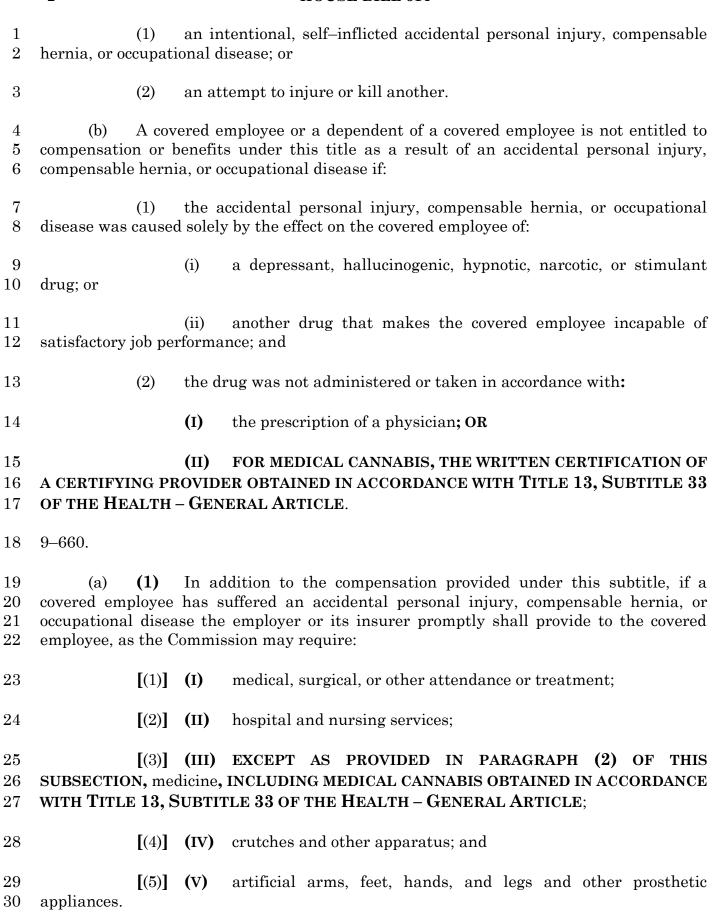
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23 (a) A covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to 24 compensation or benefits under this title as a result of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





1	(2) AN EMPLOYER OR ITS INSURER IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
2	MEDICAL CANNABIS IF THE PROVISION WOULD CAUSE THE EMPLOYER TO VIOLATE
3	FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS OR TO LOSE A MONETARY OR LICENSING-RELATED
4	BENEFIT UNDER FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS.

(b) The employer or its insurer shall provide the medical services and treatment required under subsection (a) of this section for the period required by the nature of the accidental personal injury, compensable hernia, or occupational disease.

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- 8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2022, 9 the Workers' Compensation Commission shall adopt any regulations necessary to carry out 10 Section 1 of this Act.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any claim arising from events occurring before the effective date of this Act.
- SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.