## **HOUSE BILL 1012**

**K**1 3lr2355 CF 3lr3122 By: Delegate Valderrama Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023 Assigned to: Economic Matters Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 6, 2023 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Workers' Compensation – Fees for Legal Services FOR the purpose of requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission, under certain circumstances, to order the employer or its insurer, a self-insured employer, or the Uninsured Employers' Fund to pay a fee of not more than a certain amount for legal services rendered on behalf of a covered employee; and generally relating to fees for legal services rendered in connection with a workers' compensation claim. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Labor and Employment Section 9–731 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Labor and Employment 9-731.(a) (1) Unless approved by the Commission, a person may not charge or collect a fee for: (i) legal services in connection with a claim under this title;

## EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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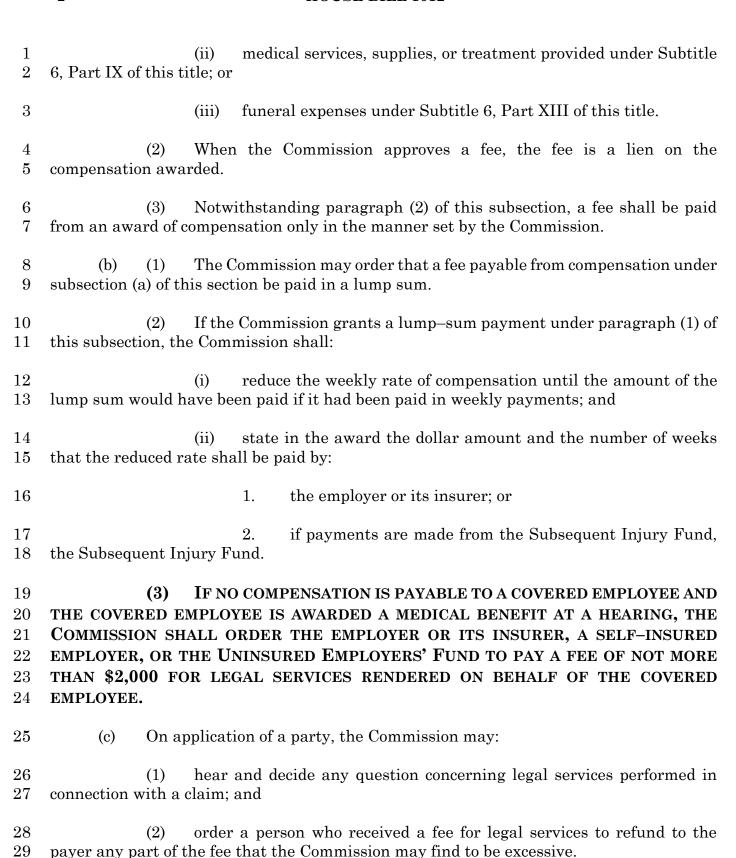
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



30 (d) An order of the Commission regulating payment or refund of payment for legal services may be enforced or appealed in the same manner as a compensation award.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.
Governor.
Approved:
October 1, 2023.
SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take eff
apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on application to any claims arising from events occurring before the effective date of this A