

SENATE BILL 830

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By: **Senator Hayes**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation – Claims Application Form – Authorization for Release**
3 **of Information**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the entities to which and the information of which a claimant
5 is required to authorize the release in a claim application filed with the Workers'
6 Compensation Commission; and generally relating to the authorization for the
7 release of information related to workers' compensation claims.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Labor and Employment
10 Section 9–709(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Labor and Employment

16 9–709.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section and § 9–504 of this
18 title, if a covered employee suffers an accidental personal injury, the covered employee,
19 within 60 days after the date of the accidental personal injury, shall file with the
20 Commission:

21 (i) a claim application form; and

22 (ii) if the covered employee was attended by a physician chosen by
23 the covered employee, the report of the physician.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (i) A claim application form filed under paragraph (1) of this
2 subsection shall include an authorization by the claimant for the release, to the claimant's
3 attorney, **THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND, THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND**, the
4 claimant's employer, and the insurer of the claimant's employer, or an agent of the
5 claimant's attorney, **THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND, THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY**
6 **FUND**, the claimant's employer, or the insurer of the claimant's employer, of medical **AND**
7 **FINANCIAL** information that [is] **MAY BE** relevant to:

8 1. the member of the body that was injured, as indicated on
9 the claim application form; and

10 2. the description of how the accidental personal injury
11 occurred, as indicated on the claim application form.

12 (ii) An authorization under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph:

13 1. includes the release of information relating to the history,
14 findings, office and patient charts, files, examination and progress notes, [and] physical
15 evidence, **AND ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FILED BY THE CLAIMANT**;

16 2. **INCLUDES THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION IN THE**
17 **CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSION**;

18 [2.] 3. is effective for 1 year from the date the claim is filed; and

19 [3.] 4. does not restrict the redisclosure of medical information or
20 written material relating to the authorization to a medical manager, health care
21 professional, or certified rehabilitation practitioner.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2025.