



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Testimony in Support of HB1050**

Testimony by Delegate Andrew Pruski  
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**What the Bill Does:**

This bill is designed to extend the time period in which the Worker's Compensation Commission maintains authority over modifying certain awards if the appeal is filed during the original time period where the modification is accepted.

**Why the Bill is Important:**

When workers wish to request a modification to their compensation, they are given 5 years to apply after the date of the accident, the date of disablement, or the last compensation payment. If the modification is applied for within this time period, this bill will extend the amount of time that the Commission has authority to modify the award by 60 days.

The additional extension provides the Commission with a larger opportunity to assess the worker's modification to guarantee that a decision is made within the allotted time. This extension of authority to the Commission will contribute to decisions that will ensure the workers receive the reward that is correct for their circumstances. The Commission will be increasingly successful with more time to review the modifications that the workers need in order for workers to get the rewards that they deserve.

**Why the Committee Should Vote Favorably:**

This bill will allow for modifying worker's compensation to be a more effective process due to the extension of time that the Commission holds authority of the modification. Consequently, workers will receive the award that is appropriate for them and their situation. **On behalf of Maryland workers, we urge a favorable report on HB1050.**