



Testimony of

American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)

Senate Finance Committee

Senate Bill 919- Workers' Compensation – Modification of Award- Extension

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Unfavorable

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA) is a national trade organization whose members write approximately 67% of the U.S. property and casualty insurance market, including 89% percent of Maryland’s workers’ compensation market. APCIA appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in opposition to Senate Bill 919.

Senate Bill 919 would extend for 60 days, the period of time during which the Workers' Compensation Commission may modify an award related to a workers' compensation claim if an appeal is filed during the original 5-year period during which the Commission maintains authority to modify an appeal. APCIA opposes this extension. Claimants already have five years from the latter of the date of the accident, disablement, or last compensation payment to apply for modification of an award. Further extensions of this very generous time period should not be permitted merely for filing an appeal of uncertain merit.

For these reasons, APCIA urges the Committee to provide an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 919.

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