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SB 306 – Workers' Compensation - Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services - Reimbursements

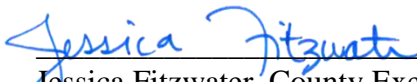
DATE: March 26, 2025
COMMITTEE: House Economic Matters Committee
POSITION: Favorable
FROM: The Office of Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

As the County Executive of Frederick County, I urge the committee to give **SB 306 – Workers' Compensation - Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services – Reimbursements** a favorable report. This bill would require the State Workers' Compensation Commission to regulate fees for prescription drug and other pharmaceutical services reimbursements.

As we work across the State to cut costs at the State and Local levels, examining unfair pricing practices is an important place to start. Currently, there is no established fee schedule or guide for prescription drug and pharmaceutical services charges for workers' compensation. This is misaligned with medical workers' compensation, which has a guide for pricing to ensure counties are charged fairly. Without a framework or guide, counties can currently be charged rates that are much higher than what may be charged for those without insurance for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services.

SB 306 takes an important step in addressing these discrepancies by directing the Workers' Compensation Commission to regulate fees for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services, leading to reduced expenses for county governments. As we face a difficult fiscal climate, it is crucial that we find ways to save counties money while ensuring continuation of services. SB 306 cuts costs while ensuring that those receiving workers' compensation benefits retain the same level of care.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 306. I urge you to advance this bill with a favorable report.



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