



**MSBA Bill Report 4B - Negligence,
Insurance, and Workers' Compensation
Law (2024.02.09)**

February 9, 2024

Workers' Compensation Law (2024.02.09)

[MD - HB1050 Workers' Compensation - Modification of Award - Extension](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Extending, 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; and applying the Act prospectively.

Cross-filed Bill: SB919

Statutes Amended:

9-736 Article - Labor and Employment

[MD - HB1145 Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - Hypertension](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mike Rogers (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal demonstrate disablement for purposes of workers' compensation and are deemed to have hypertension for purposes of an occupational disease presumption for hypertension if certain requirements are met.

Cross-filed Bill: SB844

Statutes Amended:

9-502,

9-503 Article - Labor and Employment

MD - HB1146 Courts - Unenforceable Indemnity and Costs of Defense Agreements

Last Action: Text - First - Courts - Unenforceable Indemnity and Costs of Defense Agreements
(February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dana Stein (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Providing that certain indemnity agreements and agreements to pay the costs of defense made in connection with an agreement for the management or operation of a building, a structure, an appurtenance, or an appliance are against public policy and are void and unenforceable.

Statutes Amended:

5-401 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

MD - HB1285 Workers' Compensation - Rehabilitation Practitioners - Licensed Social Workers

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing certain licensed social workers to register as a rehabilitation practitioner; and authorizing a licensed certified social worker-clinical to provide evaluation services for workers' compensation claims related to permanent impairments involving a behavioral or mental disorder.

Cross-filed Bill: SB931

Statutes Amended:

9-6A-01,

9-6A-04,

9-6A-09,

9-721 Article - Labor and Employment

MD - SB919 Workers' Compensation - Modification of Award - Extension

Workers' Compensation Law (2024.02.09)

Last Action: Text - First - Workers' Compensation - Modification of Award - Extension (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Extending, 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.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1050

Statutes Amended:

9-736 Article - Labor and Employment

MD - SB931 WorkersCompensationRehabilitation PractitionersLicensed Social Workers

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing certain licensed social workers to register as a rehabilitation practitioner; and authorizing a licensed certified social worker-clinical to provide evaluation services for workers' compensation claims related to permanent impairments involving a behavioral or mental disorder.

Statutes Amended:

9-6A-01,

9-6A-04,

9-6A-09,

9-721 Article - Labor and Employment

Workers' Compensation Law (2024.02.09)

MD - SB1069 Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - First Responders

Last Action: Text - First - Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - First Responders (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Providing that a first responder who is diagnosed by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist with post-traumatic stress disorder is presumed under certain circumstances to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers' compensation law; and specifying that the presumption does not limit any other right or claim an individual may have under workers' compensation law.

Cross-filed Bill: HB190