

WHEREAS, There is a need for a comprehensive study of the Maryland laws governing or relating to workmen's compensation for the purposes of determining the relationship between those laws and other State and federal laws relating to health and safety in the workplace and of seeking means to minimize the cost of workmen's compensation to the employer and to maximize the benefits of workmen's compensation to the working men and women of this State; and

WHEREAS, The issues involving workmen's compensation are complex; and

WHEREAS, There exists a fragmented and uncoordinated approach to the improvement of workmen's compensation laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. The Governor's Commission to Review Laws Governing the Workmen's Compensation Laws and the Governor's Study Commission on Workmen's Compensation Coverage are abolished.

2. The Governor's Commission on Workmen's Compensation Laws is hereby created.

3. The Commission consists of eleven members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate, recommended by the President of the Senate; and one of whom shall be a member of the House of Delegates, recommended by the Speaker of the House. Nine of the members shall be persons whose knowledge, training, and experience enables them to evaluate workmen's compensation matters and whose interest is in the implementation of balanced and well developed workmen's compensation laws. The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among the members.

4. The Commission shall conduct a thorough study of laws governing or related to workmen's compensation and, in doing so, may:

- (a) Review all of the findings and recommendations for legislative changes in the State's workmen's compensation laws that have been made by the Workmen's Compensation Work Group of the House Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee, the Governor's Study Commission