

AN ACT concerning

**Workers' Compensation – Payment of Medical Fees – Penalty**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Workmen's Compensation Commission to assess a certain fine against an employer or insurer for failure to pay certain medical or treatment fees within a certain time period; providing that the employer or insurer remit the amount of the fine to the ~~medical provider~~ Commission for deposit in the General Fund of the State; providing for certain interest payments on late payments; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the payment of certain medical or treatment fees by an employer or insurer under the workers' compensation law.

BY renumbering

Article 101 – Workmen's Compensation  
Section 37(d), (e), and (f), respectively  
to be Section 37(e), (f), and (g), respectively  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 101 – Workmen's Compensation  
Section 37(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 37(d), (e), and (f), respectively, of Article 101 – Workmen's Compensation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 37(e), (f), and (g), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 101 – Workmen's Compensation**

37.

(D) (1) IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER HAS FAILED, WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE, TO PAY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OR SERVICES MANDATED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN ~~30~~ 45 DAYS AFTER THE COMMISSION, BY ORDER, FINALLY APPROVES ~~A CLAIM FOR~~ THE FEE OR CHARGE FOR SUCH TREATMENT OR SERVICES, THE COMMISSION ~~SHALL~~ MAY ASSESS