

Each assigned insurer, self-insurer or the State Accident Fund shall at its own expense (1) make such investigation as may be appropriate of any such claim, and (2) cause to be conducted by a member of the Maryland Bar on behalf of the Subsequent Injury Fund the defense and/or settlement of any such claim. No insurer or self-insurer nor the State Accident Fund shall be assigned to investigate or defend any claim wherein said insurer, self-insurer or State Accident Fund is a party in interest.

The insurer, self-insurer or State Accident Fund to whom a claim is assigned under this section, shall make its report promptly to the Commission. No disclosure of the contents of such report shall be made by anyone unless and until authorized by the Commission.

(6) Any waiver which shall have been or shall hereafter be executed pursuant to the provisions of this article by any employee who has previously lost or lost the use of one hand, one arm, one foot, one leg, or one eye, and who becomes permanently and totally disabled because of the loss or loss of use of another of such members or organs by reason of an accidental injury, arising out of and in the course of his employment after June 1, 1945, shall not bar any such employee from the benefits and payments provided by this section, and any such employee shall be entitled to receive the payments herein provided, if otherwise he comes within the provisions hereof, notwithstanding the execution or existence of any such waiver by any such employee.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall only be construed prospectively and shall not be applied or interpreted to have any retrospective effect.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved May 6, 1963.

CHAPTER 810

(House Bill 456)

AN ACT to add new Section 149A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," to be under the new subtitle "Oath of Office," and to follow immediately after Section 149 thereof, relating to oaths of office of elected Howard County Officers and standardizing time and place for oath-taking in Howard County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 149A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County," to be under the new subtitle "Oath of Office," and to follow immediately after Section 149 thereof and to read as follows: