

in the administration of this subtitle, and to formulate a plan of cooperation, to become effective when approved by the Governor. In order to facilitate the cooperation between these two agencies in the administration of this subtitle, the Governor shall appoint a committee, to be known as the Injured Workers' Rehabilitation Committee, to advise the Workmen's Compensation Commission with respect to all [phrases] *phases* of rehabilitation of injured workers filing claims for compensation with the Commission, including workers whose claims are ultimately denied or who are held to be not within the coverage of the laws relating to workmen's compensation as set forth in Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Committee shall consist of the following individuals: The Chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Commission, the State Director of Vocational Rehabilitation, one employee, one employer, a representative of a casualty insurance company and a registered physician. The Governor shall designate one member of the Committee to serve as Chairman. The Chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Commission and the State Director of Vocational Rehabilitation shall be members of the Committee ex officio, and the individuals presently holding those positions shall serve on the Committee until their successors in those positions assume their respective offices. The remaining four members of the Committee shall serve for a term of six years, except that with respect to the initial appointment, two such members shall serve for a period of four years. The Committee shall meet at such times as may be necessary for the performance of its duties but in no event less than quarterly. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for travel and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties *and such other expenses as may be incurred by the Committee in the performance of its duties*; such expenses shall be paid by the Workmen's Compensation Commission out of funds to be appropriated for that purpose.

(b) [The Workmen's Compensation Commission shall employ a qualified rehabilitation counselor and the necessary clerical staff to review all reports of permanent-partial and permanent-total disability. It shall be the duty of the rehabilitation counselor and his staff to select from all such reports all cases where vocational rehabilitation appears to be appropriate and to refer all such cases to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation within sixty days after the date of injury, or as soon thereafter as is possible under the circumstances. Upon request of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Workmen's Compensation Commission shall make available a complete medical evaluation, including prognosis of work potential, of any worker whose case has been referred by the Commission. The salaries of the rehabilitation counselor and his staff and all necessary expenses incurred in the furnishing of supplies, furniture and office space shall be paid by the Workmen's Compensation Commission out of funds to be appropriated for that purpose.] *The Workmen's Compensation Commission shall establish a program of rehabilitation within the said commission and employ the necessary rehabilitation counselor or counselors and the necessary clerical staff to review all reports and claims. It shall be the duty of the Workmen's Compensation Commission Rehabilitation Program to select from all such reports and claims filed with it where vocational rehabilitation appears to be appropriate and after proper investigation to refer all such*