

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JUNE 15, 1986

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THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO STUDY
THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The workers' compensation system is designed to provide protection and security to employees and their dependents against accidental injuries and occupational diseases;

WHEREAS, It is important that workers' compensation benefits be provided in a fair, adequate, and efficient manner;

WHEREAS, An efficient system for providing workers' compensation has been made difficult by the large number of private and governmental entities involved;

WHEREAS, A recent study by the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has identified that an above average cost to Maryland employers exists and is a significant economic development and business climate issue;

WHEREAS, A DECD Ad Hoc Working Group on Workers' Compensation has proposed initiatives to reduce employer costs while at the same time assuring adequate benefits to workers;

WHEREAS, The Governor's Commission on Workers' Compensation Laws has also been studying the implementation of the workers' compensation laws; and

WHEREAS, The valuable efforts of the Governor's Commission on Workers' Compensation Laws have focused on the need to address the issue of an efficient workers' compensation system; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to coordinate efforts to improve the workers' compensation system;

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 RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDERS 01.01.1981.02 AND 01.01.1981.08 AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. The Governor's Commission on Workmen's Compensation Laws is abolished.
2. The Governor's Commission to Study the Workers' Compensation System is hereby created.
3. The Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a member of the