

~~(6) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION LIMITS THE RIGHT OF AN INJURED EMPLOYEE TO SEEK TREATMENT FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OF THE EMPLOYEE'S CHOICE.~~

(7) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INJURED EMPLOYEE WHOSE INJURY OR TREATMENT IS RELATED TO A MEDICAL CONDITION FOR WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS BEING OR HAS BEEN TREATED MAY CONTINUE TO SEEK TREATMENT FROM THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO IS TREATING OR HAS TREATED THE CONDITION.

(8) AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL MECHANISM FOR A COVERED EMPLOYEE WHO WISHES TO USE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO IS NOT ON THE AGREED LIST OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

~~(7)~~ (9) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION REQUIRES AN INSURER TO UNDERWRITE A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Workers' Compensation Commission and representatives from the parties involved with collective bargaining agreements with respect to workers' compensation as authorized under this Act shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee of the General Assembly by October 1, 1999 on the status of using such collective bargaining agreements with respect to workers' compensation.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 5 years and, at the end of September 30, ~~2001~~ 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 592

(Senate Bill 480)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund – Assessment Limits

FOR the purpose of altering the calculations by which assessment limits for the commercial auto and private passenger auto divisions are determined for certification by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to the Board of Directors of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association under certain circumstances; and generally relating to assessment limits in the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article ~ Insurance

Section 20-404(a) and (f)