

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997. It shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years and 3 months and, at the end of December 31, 2000, 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.

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**CHAPTER 625**

**(Senate Bill 714)**

AN ACT concerning

**Workers' Compensation Commission – Rehabilitation Practitioners – Registration**

FOR the purpose of establishing certain educational and experience requirements for individuals who provide vocational rehabilitation services under certain circumstances; establishing a certain registration system; authorizing the State Workers' Compensation Commission to waive certain requirements for registration under certain circumstances; specifying the purpose of this Act; establishing an Advisory Committee on the Registration of Rehabilitation Practitioners within the Commission; specifying the selection of members and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee; imposing a certain maximum limitation on a certain registration fee; requiring the Commission to pay all money collected under this Act into a special fund to be used for certain purposes; establishing certain hearing and appeal procedures; defining certain terms; requiring a certain report; and generally relating to establishing educational and experience requirements for certain individuals to satisfy in order to provide certain rehabilitation services under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 9-671

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 9-6A-01 through 9-6A-20, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6A. Rehabilitation Practitioners"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:**