

PARTY OR WITNESS, IF THE PARTY OR WITNESS IS DEAF OR, BECAUSE OF A HEARING IMPEDIMENT, CANNOT READILY UNDERSTAND OR COMMUNICATE THE SPOKEN ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

(2) ON APPLICATION OF THE PARTY OR WITNESS THE AGENCY SHALL APPOINT A QUALIFIED INTERPRETER.

(3) IN SELECTING A QUALIFIED INTERPRETER FOR APPOINTMENT, THE AGENCY MAY CONSULT THE DIRECTORY OF INTERPRETERS FOR MANUAL COMMUNICATION OR ORAL INTERPRETATION TO ASSIST DEAF PERSONS THAT IS MAINTAINED BY THE COURTS OF THE STATE.

(B) COMPENSATION.

(1) AN INTERPRETER APPOINTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED THE COMPENSATION THAT THE AGENCY CONSIDERS REASONABLE.

(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID BY THE AGENCY.

(3) IF THE AGENCY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO TAX FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES AS A PART OF THE COSTS OF A CASE, THE AGENCY MAY TAX THE AMOUNT PAID TO AN INTERPRETER AS A PART OF THESE SERVICES AND EXPENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 30, § 1(b) and (c).

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to a contested case "before an agency" is deleted. By definition, a "contested case" must be "before an agency".

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former reference to appointing an interpreter "to assist" a person is deleted as implicit in the requirement that an interpreter be hired.

Former Art. 30, § 1(a), which defined "[a]gency" and "[c]ontested case", is deleted in light of § 10-202 of this subtitle to the same effect.

SUBTITLE 4. COMPLIANCE WITH WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

10-401. COMPLIANCE WITH WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT REQUIRED.

BEFORE A STATE AGENCY ISSUES A LICENSE OR PERMIT TO AN EMPLOYER TO ENGAGE IN AN ACTIVITY IN WHICH THE EMPLOYER MAY EMPLOY A COVERED EMPLOYEE, AS DEFINED IN § 9-101 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE, THE EMPLOYER SHALL FILE WITH THE STATE AGENCY:

(1) A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE MARYLAND WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT; OR

(2) THE NUMBER OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY OR BINDER.