

(2) The Commission shall hold subsequent meetings at times and locations determined by the Commission.

(i) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

(2) shall receive compensation for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

(j) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide the staff for the Commission ~~from among its fiscal analysts~~.

(k) The Commission shall issue to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly:

(1) on or before December 31, 2000, an interim report on its findings; and

(2) on or before December 31, 2001, a final report on its findings.

(l) The Commission shall terminate at the end of December 31, 2001.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1348 – Workers' Compensation Commission – Location of Hearing.

This bill provides that a covered employee may elect to have a hearing on a claim before the Workers' Compensation Commission. If the employer is a government agency and hearings are not conducted in the county in which the governmental agency is located, a hearing may be held in the regional hearing location nearest that county's government offices.

Senate Bill 857, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 25, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1348.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor