

(b) An insurer that provides workers' compensation insurance in the State, shall establish a toll-free telephone number through which an insured or claimant, or a representative of an insured or claimant, may make direct telephone inquiries during regular business hours.

(c) The Commission may assess a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on an insurer that does not comply with this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, with regard to the changes made in Section 1 of this Act to the office and personnel requirements for employers that self-insure and insurers providing workers' compensation in the State, the Workers' Compensation Commission shall report, on or before November 30, 2002, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the number and types of complaints that the Commission has received from October 1, 2001 through November 1, 2002 and the status of those complaints;

(2) the number and types of violations that the Commission has identified from October 1, 2001 through November 1, 2002 and the status of those violations; and

(3) any recommendations for changes to the law.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

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 1256 - Baltimore City - Special Tax Districts.

This bill authorizes Baltimore City to designate special taxing districts, at the request of property owners, where the City will make infrastructure improvements by issuing bonds or other obligations for financing and assessing the property owners either an ad valorem or special tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds or obligations.

Senate Bill 805, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1256.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor