



**Maryland Chamber of Commerce**

## **Legislative Position**

**SB 520  
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## **Workers' Compensation - Temporary Total Disability - Incarcerated Employees**

### **Brief Summary of Bill:**

SB 520 provides that an employer or insurer is not liable for temporary total disability (TTD) payments to a covered employee while the employee is incarcerated.

### **Maryland Chamber's Position:**

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce supports this bill. Under current law, employers must pay TTD to covered employees even when they are in prison.

This legislation would eliminate TTD compensation in the above-stated instance. According to NCCI, only a small number of claims would be impacted by this legislation. Even though the cost savings to employers/insurers is expected to be minimal, it is nonetheless a savings to those who fund this system.

It is the Chamber's position that because prisoners have removed themselves from the labor market, and would not earn wages absent their work injury, there is no reason they should collect wage loss benefits while incarcerated.

**For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber respectfully requests that the Committee give SB 520 a favorable report.**

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