



Maryland Chamber of Commerce

Legislative Position

**SB 642
FAVOR
Finance
Committee
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Workers' Compensation - Temporary Total Disability Benefits - Credit

Brief Summary of Bill:

SB 642 requires that an employer, or its insurer, receive a credit for compensation paid to a covered employee who is temporarily totally disabled due to an accidental personal injury or occupational disease if medical treatment for the employee is delayed or suspended due to an unrelated medical condition.

Maryland Chamber's Position:

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce supports this bill. The bill would have employers or insurers continue paying lost wages, but would give the insurer a credit for the benefits paid during the delay.

This legislation balances the worker's need for uninterrupted benefits during the delay against the insurer's position that they are not responsible for the delay because it is due to an unrelated condition. This is good public policy that takes into account both the insurer and claimant positions.

For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber respectfully requests that the Committee give SB 642 a favorable report.

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