

HOUSE BILL 1210

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By: **Delegates McComas, Buckel, and Spiegel**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation – Evaluation of Permanent Impairments – Licensed**
3 **Certified Social Worker–Clinical**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed certified social worker–clinical to provide
5 evaluation services for workers' compensation claims related to permanent
6 impairments involving a behavioral or mental disorder; requiring a licensed certified
7 social worker–clinical to comply with certain requirements to perform the evaluation
8 services; and generally relating to the evaluation of permanent impairments by
9 licensed certified social workers–clinical under the workers' compensation law.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Labor and Employment
12 Section 9–721(c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Labor and Employment
17 Section 9–721(d)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – Labor and Employment

9–721.

(c) **[If] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, IF** a permanent impairment involves a behavioral or mental disorder, a licensed psychologist, **LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL**, or qualified physician shall:

(1) perform an evaluation of only the mental or behavioral portion of the permanent impairment; and

(2) report the evaluation to the Commission in accordance with the regulations of the Commission.

(D) TO PERFORM AND REPORT AN EVALUATION UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERT WITNESSES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.