

**CHAPTER 197**  
**(House Bill 167)**

AN ACT concerning

**Workers' Compensation - Notice of Decision - Appeal**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Workers' Compensation Commission to send a certain notice of its ~~decision~~ decisions to each ~~party or the~~ party's attorney of record or party under certain circumstances; providing that the period for filing an appeal from a ~~decision~~ certain decisions of the Commission shall begin from the date of mailing of the ~~notice~~ notices required under this Act ~~rather than from the date of a certain recording of a decision~~; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a requirement of notice of a decision by the Commission and altering the time by which an appeal from a decision of the Commission may be filed in a circuit court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-714 ~~and 9-737~~, 9-726, and 9-737

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

**Article - Labor and Employment**

9-714.

(a) When the Commission receives a claim, the Commission:

- (1) may investigate the claim; and
- (2) on application of any party to the claim, shall order a hearing.

(b) (1) The Commission shall make or deny an award within 30 days:

- (i) after the claim is filed; or
- (ii) if a hearing is held, after the hearing is concluded.

(2) The decision shall be recorded in the principal office of the Commission, AND A COPY OF THE DECISION SHALL BE SENT BY FIRST CLASS MAIL TO EACH ~~PARTY OR THE~~ PARTY'S ATTORNEY OF RECORD OR, IF THE PARTY IS UNREPRESENTED, TO THE PARTY.

9-726.

(a) Within 15 days after the date of a decision by the Commission, a party may file with the Commission a written motion for a rehearing.