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TO: The Honorable Dereck E. Davis, Chairman
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RE: **OPPOSE** – House Bill 664 – *Workers’ Compensation Commission – Regulation of Charges – Medical Services and Treatment*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,500 Maryland physicians and their patients, opposes House Bill 664.

House Bill 664 would give the Workers’ Compensation Commission (Commission) the authority to regulate fees paid to a medical expert in a workers’ compensation case. Currently, such experts are compensated by the party seeking their expertise in the examination of an injured worker or for the preparation of a report or testimony concerning same. MedChi is unaware of any current controversy concerning that system or compensation paid to such medical experts for medical examinations or medical reports. It may be appropriate for the Commission to regulate fees for the actual medical care but it seems to be an unwarranted extension to include expert reports.

MedChi respectfully requests an unfavorable report on House Bill 664.

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