

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure  
**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Avakian  
**Prepared By:** Anna Braun, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/07

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Makes changes to the workers' compensation statutes regarding temporary rules, change in attending physician, lump sum payments and managed care organization penalties.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** HB 2218-A is a regulatory streamlining measure that makes four changes to the statutes governing workers' compensation laws. It eliminates the requirement for the director to adopt a temporary rule to determine a workers' impairment and instead allows adoption by order, which may be appealed to the Workers' Compensation Board. It removes the requirement that the director consult physicians, if requested, when determining whether to approve an additional change in an attending physician. In addition, it removes the director from the requirement of automatically reviewing lump sum payments. HB 2218-A also changes the penalties regarding managed care organizations (MCO) so that the director may issue civil penalties against an MCO and not have to resort to the only available current remedy of revoking the MCO's certification.