

## ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

MICHAEL J. BRENNAN, CHAIRMAN

March 1, 2022

Honorable Emanuel "Chris" Welch Speaker of the House State of Illinois 300 Capitol Building Springfield, Illinois 62706 Honorable Don Harmon Senate President State of Illinois 327 Capitol Building Springfield, Illinois 62706

By E-mail: reports@ilga.gov

Re: Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform Act Report

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2021

Dear Speaker Welch and President Harmon:

In accordance with Section 20(c) of the Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform Act (20 ILCS 608/20(c)) (the "Act"), the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission ("IWCC") has conducted a thorough review of its rules, regulations, and processes, specifically focused on mandates or procedures that have an impact on small businesses doing business in the State of Illinois. This report covers the five-year period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021.

The IWCC sought to identify rules, regulations, and processes that are unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicative, or onerous to small business. This focus of the review was the five goals identified in the Act.

The mandates of the Commission, which effectively require that *all* employers doing business in the State of Illinois insure their liability for workplace accidents and compensate employees for lost wages and medical expenses incurred in workplace accidents—apply to all employers of all sizes. The Commission, in partnership with the Department of Insurance, ensures employers cover their employees consistent with the law.

The Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission does not undertake, oversee, or mandate any permit-related activity. Further, the IWCC has identified nothing in its statutes, administrative rules and regulations, or processes that is unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicative, or onerous to small businesses.

If you have any questions or desire further information regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Brennan

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