



ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION REPEALS COVID-19 EMERGENCY RULE

Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC) voted unanimously to repeal the April 16th emergency rule that created a right for injured workers to a rebuttable presumption if they contracted or were exposed to COVID-19.

While current statute may provide workers' compensation or occupational disease benefits based on the facts of the claim of the petitioner regardless of their profession, trade or worker classification, the statute DOES NOT provide a rebuttable PRESUMPTION to workers (*other than first responders as delineated in the statute*).

This is a **SIGNIFICANT** victory for the Illinois business community and while the emergency rule has been withdrawn, we fully expect that legislation will be filed in the General Assembly. IWCC Chairman Brennan is creating a task force to review other avenues to address the issue. Nearly twenty states have passed a presumption but limited it to first responders and health care workers. This remains a fluid situation and we will make sure updates are provided as changes occur.