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## [Illinois Legislature Considering Changes to the Workers' Compensation Act](#)

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The Illinois legislative bodies are currently considering changing the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act in a way which sharply reduces the rights and benefits of the injured worker. Among the changes proposed is to eliminate the injured workers' first choice of a treating doctor. The proposed legislation will require the injured worker to initially treat with the company appointed physician. The injured worker will then have the right to choose his or her own physician, but will be limited to one choice only.

Another change proposed is to reduce the benefit payment to those workers most seriously injured: those who are unable to return to work in their usual and customary employment. These injured workers suffer permanent wage loss which is now only partially compensated, but under the proposed legislation will be further limited.

There are many other changes proposed. We at Katz, Friedman urge you to contact your State legislator and oppose these changes. Please feel free to contact us at 1-800-444-1525 or on the web at [www.kfeej.com](http://www.kfeej.com) if you have questions or suggestions.