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## Illinois Workers' Compensation Reform is Here!

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Today, September 1, 2011, the full force and effect of all the recent Statutory changes to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act becomes reality. For the most part, those changes that are substantive are in effect for those injuries on or after today's date. The changes that are procedural affect even current claims. If you have a question about how the new law affects your current claim, feel free to telephone us @ 1-800-444-1525 if outside the Chicago area or 312-263-6330 within the Chicago area. If you are currently being represented, direct your calls to your attorney. In today's Chicago Tribune, Katz, Friedman attorney Philip Bareck was quoted as follows: "We are primarily concerned that those hurt at work have full access to medical care and that they are properly compensated for their permanent injuries and loss of future earning capacity." Way to go Phil! If you want to read the entire Tribune article, copy and paste this web address into your browser: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-0901-workers-questions-20110901,0,1895990.story>.

Katz, Friedman will be giving free seminars throughout the State of Illinois to advise working men and women about the changes to the Workers' Compensation Act and how it affects injured workers. The first seminar will be held at the UAW Local 579 union hall in Tilton, Illinois on Monday, September 19th at 5:30 pm. This union hall is near Danville, Illinois. If you need directions, give us a call. The hall can hold 400 people, so make sure you get there early so you do not need to stand!

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