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Illinois Workers' Compensation Reform, Over?

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Followers of this blog know that the Illinois Legislature was considering a bill which would change the landscape for workers' compensation in this State. The bill was not brought up for a vote in the House as there were many pressing matters in the final hours of the veto session requiring the attention of lawmakers. Furthermore, there was a tremendous effort on the part of individual constituents to reach out to their legislators to voice opposition to the bill. Many medical and union organizations opposed the legislation as well. For those who breathed a sigh of relief that the workers' compensation reform legislation did not see the light of day, do not think you are out of the woods yet. Clearly, there are forces at work to bring forward legislation that will change workers' compensation in Illinois. While this author believes the Agreed Bill Process is the best forum for Labor and Management to negotiate, the State legislators may very well take matters into their own hands again in the spring session. We will endeavor to keep you apprised of any and all developments as they become known. This is not over yet.