

**WORKER'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION ACT OF 1969 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 317 of 1969**

**418.847 Setting case for mediation or hearing; hearing; order; opinion; resolution of case by mediation.**

Sec. 847. (1) Except as otherwise provided for under this act, upon the filing with the agency by any party in interest of an application in writing stating the general nature of any claim as to which any dispute or controversy may have arisen, the case shall be set for mediation or hearing, as applicable. An application may be submitted electronically. A worker's compensation magistrate shall hear a case that is set for hearing.

(2) The worker's compensation magistrate, in addition to a written order, shall file a concise written opinion stating his or her reasoning for the order including any findings of fact and conclusions of law. The order and opinion shall be part of the record of the hearing. The order and opinion may be filed and distributed electronically.

(3) If the agency or the Michigan administrative hearing system determines that a case may be resolved by mediation, the case may be mediated by the parties. If the matter is not resolved by the mediation, the case shall be set for hearing.

**History:** 1969, Act 317, Eff. Dec. 31, 1969;—Am. 1985, Act 103, Imd. Eff. July 30, 1985;—Am. 1994, Act 271, Imd. Eff. July 11, 1994;—Am. 2011, Act 266, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 2011.

**Compiler's note:** For legislative intent as to severability, see Compiler's note to MCL 418.213.

Enacting section 2 of Act 266 of 2011 provides:

"Enacting section 2. This amendatory act applies to injuries incurred on or after its effective date."

For the transfer of powers and duties of the executive director of the Michigan administrative hearing system to the director of the workers' disability compensation agency, and the transfer of the workers' disability compensation agency and the workers' compensation board of magistrates from the department of licensing and regulatory affairs to the department of labor and economic opportunity, see E.R.O. No. 2019-3, compiled at MCL 125.1998.

**Popular name:** Act 317