

The former word "premiums" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "premium" and Art. 1, § 8 of the Code, which provides that the singular includes the plural.

The former reference to asserting that "such employee was a casual employee" and, consequently, not a covered employee is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference to asserting that "the employee is not a covered employee".

The former reference to asserting that an employee "was not engaged in an extra-hazardous employment" and that the employment "was not carried on for pecuniary gain" is deleted as obsolete. See the revisor's note to § 9-101(f) of this title.

9-724. LOCATION OF HEARING.

(A) GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY" INCLUDES:

- (1) A COUNTY;
- (2) A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION;
- (3) A STATUTORY BICOUNTY AGENCY; AND
- (4) AN INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY.

(B) ELECTION BY COVERED EMPLOYEE.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A COVERED EMPLOYEE MAY ELECT TO HAVE A HEARING ON A CLAIM OF THE COVERED EMPLOYEE HELD IN:

(1) THE COUNTY WHERE THE ACCIDENTAL INJURY, COMPENSABLE HERNIA, OR LAST INJURIOUS EXPOSURE TO THE HAZARDS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED;

(2) THE COUNTY WHERE THE COVERED EMPLOYEE RESIDED WHEN THE ACCIDENTAL INJURY, OR COMPENSABLE HERNIA, OR LAST INJURIOUS EXPOSURE TO THE HAZARDS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED; OR

(3) BALTIMORE CITY.

(C) GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY EMPLOYER.

UNLESS THE COVERED EMPLOYEE OBJECTS, IF THE EMPLOYER IS A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A HEARING IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY IS LOCATED, PROVIDED THAT HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION ARE SCHEDULED IN THAT COUNTY.