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## ORIGINAL

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 240

BY SENATOR CONNICK

WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Provides relative to benefits for permanent hearing loss. (8/1/20)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1221(4)(p), relative to workers' compensation; to provide for
3	disability benefits; to provide for disability benefits following permanent hearing
4	loss; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 23:1221(4)(p) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows
7	§1221. Temporary total disability; permanent total disability; supplemental earnings
8	benefits; permanent partial disability; schedule of payments
9	Compensation shall be paid under this Chapter in accordance with the
10	following schedule of payments:
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12	(4) Permanent partial disability. In the following cases, compensation shall
13	be solely for anatomical loss of use or amputation and shall be as follows:
14	* * *
15	(p) In cases not falling within any of the provisions already made, where the
16	employee is seriously and permanently disfigured or suffers a permanent hearing loss
17	solely due to a single traumatic accident, or where the usefulness of the physical

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1 function of the respiratory system, gastrointestinal system, or genito-urinary system, as contained within the thoracic or abdominal cavities, is seriously and permanently 2 3 impaired, compensation not to exceed sixty-six and two-thirds percent of wages for 4 a period not to exceed one hundred weeks may be awarded. In cases where compensation is so awarded, when the disability is susceptible to percentage 5 determination, compensation shall be established in the proportions set forth in 6 Subparagraph (o) of this Paragraph. In cases where compensation is so awarded, 7 8 when the disability is not susceptible to percentage determination, compensation as 9 is reasonable shall be established in proportion to the compensation hereinabove 10 specifically provided in the cases of specific disability.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yoursheka George.

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Present law provides compensation for an employee's permanent partial disability.

<u>Present law</u> provides that compensation shall be paid to an employee who suffers permanent hearing loss solely due to a single traumatic accident.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes from <u>present law</u> the requirement that an employee's permanent hearing loss be solely due to a single traumatic accident.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 23:1221(4)(p))