

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 408 by Senator Myers

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 11 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1021(introductory paragraph), 1034.2(B), (C), and
 4 (F), 1123, 1201(E) and (F)(introductory paragraph) and (2), 1201.1(A), (B), (D), (E), (G)
 5 through (I), (J)(2) through (4), (K)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) through (5), 1203(B),
 6 1203.1(J)(1), 1203.2, and 1221(introductory paragraph), (1)(d), and (3)(d)(introductory
 7 paragraph) and (ii) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(12), to enact R.S. 23:1021(14) through (16),
 8 1221(3)(a)(iii), and Subpart K of Part 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised
 9 Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1200.18.1 through 23:1200.18.9, and to repeal
 10 R.S. 23:1201(A)(4) and (5), relative to workers' compensation; to establish an All Workers'
 11 Compensation Medical Claims Database; to provide for duties of Louisiana Works, office
 12 of workers' compensation administration; to provide for mandatory reporting of medical and
 13 pharmacy claims data; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for confidentiality and data
 14 protections; to provide for public records exceptions; to provide definitions; to define
 15 maximum medical improvement; to provide for the controversion of compensation and
 16 medical benefits; to require certain notice and delivery requirements; to provide for
 17 preliminary determination hearings; to provide for the misrepresentation of workers'
 18 compensation benefits or payments; to provide for the compensation of certain income
 19 benefits due under workers' compensation; to provide for penalties; to provide for an
 20 effective date; to provide for disability benefits and vocational rehabilitation in workers'
 21 compensation; to provide for preliminary determinations in workers' compensation; to
 22 provide for petitions in workers' compensation; and to provide for related matters.

23 AMENDMENT NO. 2

24 On page 1, delete lines 13 through 15 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

25 "Section 1. R.S. 23:1034.2(B), (C), and (F), 1201 (E) and (F), 1201.1, 1203(B), and
 26 1203(J)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 23:1021(14) through (16) are hereby
 27 enacted to read as follows:"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 3

29 On page 2, line 1, after "terms" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof the
 30 following:

31 **"have the meanings ascribed to them:"**

32 AMENDMENT NO. 4

33 On page 2, line 8, change "under" to "pursuant to"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 5

35 On page 2, line 15, after "with" and before "the" insert "any of"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 6

37 On page 3, line 4, change "under" to "pursuant to"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 7

2 On page 3, line 7, change "under" to "pursuant to"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 8

4 On page 3, line 21, after "developed" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu
5 thereof the following:

6 "by the assistant secretary of the office of workers' compensation
7 administration, the assistant"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 9

9 On page 3, line 24, after "meeting" and before "the" insert "all of"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 10

11 On page 3, line 28, change "Louisiana" to "this state's"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 11

13 On page 3, line 29, delete "of Representatives"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 12

15 On page 4, line 1, change "affairs" to "relations"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 13

17 On page 4, line 4, change "under" to "provided for in"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 14

19 On page 4, line 9, change "under" to "pursuant to"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 15

21 On page 4, line 11, "under" to "pursuant to"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 16

23 On page 5, line 19, delete "Louisiana" and insert "this state"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 17

25 On page 5, line 21, delete "health care" and insert "healthcare"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 18

27 On page 6, at the end of line 4, insert the following:

28 "The decision of the office of workers' compensation administration's medical
29 services section shall be final."

30 AMENDMENT NO. 19

31 On page 6, line 5, change "the issuance of a" to "written notice of the"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 20

2 On page 6, delete lines 7 through 12 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

3 "the decision within thirty days of its receipt by certified mail. The
4 appeal shall be to the judicial district court, of proper venue, as provided in the
5 Code of Civil Procedure. If the appeal results in a"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 21

7 On page 6, line 17, delete "Louisiana" and insert "Department of Revenue,"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 22

9 On page 7, line 1, change "Louisiana" to "this state"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 23

11 On page 7, line 2, after "finer" and before "collected" insert "and interest"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 24

13 On page 7, delete lines 6 through 10 in their entirety

14 AMENDMENT NO. 25

15 On page 7, line 11, change "(4)" to "(3)"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 26

17 On page 7, line 14, change "(5)" to "(4)"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 27

19 On page 7, line 16, delete "health care" and insert "healthcare"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 28

21 On page 7, line 18, after "payor," delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof
22 the following:

23 "~~then~~ either the ~~health care~~ healthcare provider or the"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 29

25 On page 7, line 19, delete "such" and delete "health"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 30

27 On page 7, line 20, delete "care" and insert "healthcare"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 31

29 On page 7, line 24, change "(6)" to "(5)"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 32

31 On page 7, line 26, change "under" to "in"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 33

2 On page 8, line 9, delete "under" and insert "**pursuant to**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 34

4 On page 8, delete lines 12 through 23 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

5 **"(2) Failure to pay medical benefits as required by this Subsection shall**
6 **be subject to fines and interest pursuant to R.S. 23:1034.2(F).**

7 F. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, failure to provide payment
8 in accordance with this Section or failure to consent to the employee's request to
9 select a treating physician or change physicians when such consent is required by
10 R.S. 23:1121 shall result in the assessment of a penalty in an amount up to the
11 greater of twelve percent of any unpaid compensation ~~or medical benefits~~, or fifty
12 dollars per calendar day for each day in which any and all compensation ~~or medical~~
13 benefits remain unpaid or such consent is withheld, together with reasonable attorney
14 fees for each disputed claim; however, the fifty dollars per calendar day penalty shall
15 not exceed a maximum of two thousand dollars in the aggregate for any claim. The
16 maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed at a hearing on the merits
17 regardless of the number of penalties which might be imposed ~~under~~ **pursuant to**
18 this Section is eight thousand dollars. An award of penalties and attorney fees at any
19 hearing on the merits shall be res judicata as to any and all claims for which penalties
20 may be imposed ~~under~~ **pursuant to** this Section which precedes the date of the
21 hearing. Penalties shall be assessed in the following manner:

22 * * *

23 (2) This Subsection shall not apply ~~if~~ **in any of the following instances:**

24 **(a) If the** ~~the~~ claim is reasonably controverted or if such nonpayment results
25 from conditions over which the employer or insurer had no control.

26 **(b) If the claim is subject to the dispute resolution process provided in**
27 **R.S. 23:1034.2(F).**"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 35

29 On page 9, line 15, after "**chiropractic**" and before "**of**" change "**therapy**" to "**treatment**"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 36

31 On page 9, line 16, after "**payor**" and before "**if**" insert a comma "`,`"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 37

33 On page 9, line 24, after "**procedure**" and before "**or**" insert a comma "`,`"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 38

35 On page 10, between lines 7 and 8 insert the following:

36 "Section 2. R.S. 23:1201.1(A), (B), (D), (E), (G) through (I), (J)(2) through (4),
37 (K)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) through (5) are hereby amended and reenacted to
38 read as follows:

39 §1201.1. Controversion of compensation and medical benefits

40 A. Upon the first payment of compensation ~~or upon any modification,~~
41 ~~suspension, termination, or controversion of compensation or medical benefits for~~
42 ~~any reason, including but not limited to issues of medical causation, compensability~~

of the claim, or issues arising out of R.S. 23:1121, 1124, 1208, and 1226, the employer or payor who has been notified of the claim, shall do all of the following:

(1) Prepare a "Notice of **Payment**, Modification, Suspension, Termination, or Controversion of Compensation ~~and/or or~~ **Medical Benefits**" on a LWC-WC 1002 form or such other form as may be promulgated by the assistant secretary pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

(2) Send the notice ~~of the initial indemnity payment~~ required by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the injured employee ~~on the same day as~~ no later than ten business days after the first payment of compensation is made by the payor after the payor has received notice of the claim from the employer.

(3) Send a copy of the notice ~~of the initial payment of indemnity~~ required by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the office ~~within ten days from the~~ on the same date the original notice was sent to the injured employee ~~or by facsimile to the injured employee's representative.~~

B. ~~The form of the "Notice of Payment, Modification, Suspension, Termination, or Controversion of Compensation and/or Medical Benefits" shall be promulgated by the office~~ Upon any modification, suspension, termination, or controversion of compensation or medical benefits for any reason, including but not limited to issues of medical causation, compensability of the claim, or issues arising out of R.S. 23:1121, 1124, 1208, or 1226, the employer or payor shall do all of the following:

(1) Prepare a "Notice of Payment, Modification, Suspension, Termination, or Controversion of Compensation or Medical Benefits" on a LWC-WC 1002 form or such other form as may be promulgated by the assistant secretary pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

(2) Send the notice required by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the injured employee within three business days after the effective date of the modification, suspension, termination, or controversion.

(3) Send a copy of the notice required by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the office on the same date the original notice was sent to the employee.

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D.(1) Any notice required to be sent to the injured employee pursuant to this Section shall be sent by certified mail or commercial carrier to the address at which the employee is receiving payment of indemnity benefits, by electronic mail to the employee's electronic mail address on file with the employer or payor or by hand delivery to the employee.

(2) For purposes of receiving notice required by this Section, the employee shall provide a mailing address and an electronic mail address upon request from the employer or payor.

(3) If the injured employee is represented by an attorney, the notice shall also be ~~provided~~ sent to the employee's ~~representative~~ attorney by facsimile, certified mail, commercial carrier, electronic mail, or hand delivery. Proof that the notice was sent to the employee's representative ~~by facsimile~~ as required by this Paragraph shall be prima facie evidence of compliance with ~~Subsection A of this Section.~~

E. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to questions of medical necessity as provided by R.S. 23:1203.1, or disputes concerning the amount of reimbursement pursuant to R.S. 23:1034.2.

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G.(1) If the employer or the payor provides the benefit that the employee claims is due, including any arrearage, on the returned form or letter of amicable demand within ~~seven~~ ten business days of receipt of the employee's demand, the employer or payor shall not be subject to any claim for any penalties or attorney fees arising from the disputed payment, modification, suspension, termination, or controversion.

(2) If the employer or payor does not provide the benefit that the employee claims is due, the employee may file a disputed claim for benefit provided it is filed within the prescriptive period established under R.S. 23:1209. If the prescription

1 date of the claim occurs within the ~~seven-day~~ ten-day waiting period, the employee
 2 will be allowed to file a disputed claim without waiting the ~~seven~~ ten business days
 3 as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. However, the employer or payor
 4 shall still be allowed ~~seven~~ ten business days to provide the benefit that the
 5 employee claims is due, and if the employer does provide the benefit, the disputed
 6 claim will be moot regarding the issues arising out of the payment, suspension,
 7 modification, termination, or controversion of benefits. All other issues alleged in
 8 the disputed claim will be unaffected by the payment.

9 H. The employer or the payor who wishes to have a preliminary
 10 determination hearing shall request the hearing in his answer to the disputed claim
 11 arising from the notice of initial payment or any subsequent modification,
 12 suspension, termination, or notice of controversion. In cases where a disputed claim
 13 is already pending when an issue arises from a subsequent notice of payment,
 14 modification, suspension, termination, or controversion of benefits, such request
 15 shall be made in an amended pleading filed within ~~fifteen~~ ten business days of the
 16 expiration of the ~~seven-day~~ ten-day period set forth in Paragraph (G)(1) of this
 17 Section.

18 I.(1) Preliminary determinations as provided for in this Section are
 19 avored under the law and an ~~An~~ employer or payor who has not complied with
 20 the requirements set forth in either Subsection A through E of this Section or has not
 21 initially accepted the claim as compensable, subject to further investigation and
 22 subsequent controversion or Subsection B of this Section, and who has provided
 23 notice as required by Subsection D of this Section, shall ~~not~~ be entitled to a
 24 preliminary determination. An employer or payor who is not entitled to a
 25 preliminary determination or who is so entitled but fails to request a preliminary
 26 determination may be subject to penalties and attorney fees pursuant to R.S. 23:1201
 27 at a trial on the merits or hearing held pursuant to Paragraph (K)(8) of this Section.

28 (2) ~~If disputed by the parties, upon a rule to show cause held prior to the~~
 29 ~~preliminary determination or any hearing held pursuant to this Section, the workers'~~
 30 ~~compensation judge shall determine whether the employer is in compliance~~ An
 31 employee who objects to a request for a preliminary determination shall file a
 32 motion to strike the request within ten business days of receiving the
 33 documentation required to be produced by the employer or payor pursuant to
 34 Paragraph J(4) of this Section. The motion shall state the factual and legal
 35 bases for the objection, and shall be considered by the workers' compensation
 36 judge by a rule to show cause prior to any preliminary determination hearing.
 37 Failure to file the motion to strike within the prescribed time period shall be
 38 deemed a waiver of any objection to the preliminary determination hearing.

39 J.

40 * * *

41 (2) The testimony of physicians may be introduced by certified records or
 42 deposition. The parties may agree to allow uncertified medical records and
 43 physician reports to be introduced into evidence. Witnesses may testify at the
 44 hearing or, if agreed on by the parties, ~~may offer testimony by introduction of a~~
 45 ~~deposition.~~

46 (3) The preliminary determination hearing shall be held no later than ninety
 47 days from the scheduling conference. However, upon a showing of good cause, one
 48 extension of an additional thirty days is permitted upon approval by the workers'
 49 compensation judge. The workers' compensation judge shall issue a preliminary
 50 determination no later than ~~thirty~~ fifteen days after the hearing.

51 (4) Any employer or payor requesting a preliminary determination hearing
 52 shall produce all documentation relied on by the employer or payor in calculating,
 53 modifying, suspending, terminating, or controverting the employee's benefits. These
 54 documents shall be disclosed to the employee or the employee's representative within
 55 ten business days of the request for the preliminary determination hearing.

56 K.(1) The employer or payor shall, within ten ~~calendar~~ business days of the
 57 mailing of the preliminary determination from the workers' compensation judge, do
 58 either of the following:

59 * * *

1 (2) Any employer or payor who accepts and complies with the workers'
2 compensation judge's determination within ten ~~calendar~~ **business** days, shall not be
3 subject to any penalty or attorney fees arising out of the original notice which was
4 the subject of the preliminary hearing.

5 (3) Any employer or payor who accepts and complies with the workers'
6 compensation judge's determination, but who disagrees with such preliminary
7 determination, shall notify the court within ten **business** days of receipt of the
8 preliminary determination of his desire to proceed to a trial on the merits of the
9 matters that were the subject of the preliminary hearing.

10 (4) Any employer or payor who does not accept the workers' compensation
11 judge's determination or fails to comply with the determination within ten ~~calendar~~
12 **business** days, may, at the trial on the merits, be subject to penalties and attorney
13 fees pursuant to R.S. 23:1201, arising out of the issues raised in the original notice
14 of payment, modification, suspension, termination, or controversion of benefits,
15 which was the subject of the preliminary hearing.

16 (5) Any injured employee who disagrees with the preliminary determination
17 shall notify the court within ten **business** days of the receipt of such preliminary
18 determination of his desire to proceed to a trial on the merits of the matters that were
19 the subject of the preliminary hearing. If the employer or payor has accepted and
20 complied with the preliminary hearing determination, the employer or payor shall
21 also be entitled to litigate all issues including those issues presented at the
22 preliminary determination hearing.

23 * * *

24 Section 3. R.S. 23:1021(introductory paragraph), 1123, 1221(introductory
25 paragraph), (1)(d), and (3)(d)(introductory paragraph) and (ii) are hereby amended and
26 reenacted and R.S. 23:1221(3)(a)(iii) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

27 §1021. Terms defined

28 As used in this Chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
29 following terms shall ~~have~~ **be given the meaning meanings** ascribed to them in this
30 Section:

31 * * *

32 **(16)(a) "Maximum Medical Improvement" or "MMI" means the**
33 **employee's condition is unlikely to improve substantially with or without**
34 **medical treatment.**

35 **(b) The fact that the employee requires or receives medical treatment**
36 **to maintain his condition or to manage chronic pain shall not prevent a finding**
37 **of maximum medical improvement.**

38 * * *

39 §1123. Disputes as to condition or capacity to work; ~~additional~~ **Additional** medical
40 opinion regarding an examination under supervision of the **assistant**
41 secretary

42 If any dispute arises as to the condition of the employee, **including but not**
43 **limited to the cause of the condition, whether the employee is at maximum**
44 **medical improvement**, or the employee's capacity to work, the assistant secretary,
45 upon application of any party, shall order an additional medical opinion regarding
46 an examination of the employee to be made by a medical practitioner selected and
47 appointed by the assistant secretary. The medical examiner shall report his
48 conclusions from the examination to the assistant secretary and to the parties and
49 ~~such~~ **the** report shall be prima facie evidence of the facts ~~therein~~ stated in any
50 subsequent proceedings ~~under~~ **pursuant to** this Chapter.

51 * * *

52 §1221. Temporary total disability; permanent total disability; supplemental earnings
53 benefits; permanent partial disability; schedule of payments

54 Compensation shall be paid ~~under~~ **pursuant to** this Chapter in accordance
55 with the following schedule of payments:

56 (1) Temporary total.

57 * * *

58 (d) An award of benefits based on temporary total disability shall cease when
59 the physical condition of the employee has resolved itself to the point ~~that a~~

1 reasonably reliable determination of the extent of disability of the employee may be
2 made and the employee's physical condition has improved to the point that
3 continued, regular treatment by a physician is not required **of maximum medical**
4 **improvement (MMI). However, in no event shall benefits based on temporary**
5 **total disability exceed a maximum of two hundred eight weeks. Termination of**
6 **temporary total disability benefits pursuant to this Paragraph shall not**
7 **preclude an award of benefits pursuant to Paragraphs (2), (3), or (4) of this**
8 **Section.**

9 * * *

10 (3) Supplemental earnings benefits.

11 (a)

12 * * *

13 **(iii) An employee who has exhausted eligibility for temporary total**
14 **disability benefits pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(d) of this Section shall be**
15 **entitled to supplemental earnings benefits in the manner provided in this**
16 **Section.**

17 * * *

18 (d) The right to supplemental earnings benefits pursuant to this Paragraph
19 shall in no event exceed a maximum of ~~five hundred twenty~~ **four hundred sixteen**
20 weeks, but shall terminate:

21 * * *

22 (ii) After receipt of a maximum of ~~five hundred twenty~~ **four hundred**
23 **sixteen** weeks of benefits, provided that for any week during which the employee is
24 paid any compensation under this Paragraph, the employer shall be entitled to a
25 reduction of one full week of compensation against the maximum number of weeks
26 for which compensation is payable under this Paragraph; however, for any week
27 during which the employee is paid no supplemental earnings benefits, the employer
28 shall not be entitled to a reduction against the maximum number of weeks payable
29 under this Paragraph; or

30 * * *

31 AMENDMENT NO. 39

32 On page 10, line 8, change "Section 2." to "Section 4."

33 AMENDMENT NO. 40

34 On page 10, delete line 10 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

35 "23:1200.18.1 through 1200.18.9, is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 41

37 On page 10, line 13, change "§1200.18." to "§1200.18.1"

38 AMENDMENT NO. 42

39 On page 10, line 16, change "§1200.19" to "§1200.18.2"

40 AMENDMENT NO. 43

41 On page 10, line 18, after "terms" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof
42 the following:

43 "have the meanings ascribed to them:"

44 AMENDMENT NO. 44

45 On page 10, line 25, change "§1200.20" to "§1200.18.3"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 45

2 On page 11, line 2, after "to" and before the colon ":" insert "**do all of the following**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 46

4 On page 11, delete line 11 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

5 **"for purposes of creation, operation, and maintenance of the database."**

6 AMENDMENT NO. 47

7 On page 11, line 12, delete "**Compensation Medical Claims Database.**"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 48

9 On page 11, line 15, change "**§1200.21**" to "**§1200.18.4**"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 49

11 On page 11, line 19, change "**under Louisiana**" to "**pursuant to state**"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 50

13 On page 11, line 22, after "**include**" and before the colon ":" insert "**all of the following**"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 51

15 On page 12, line 8, change "**§1200.22**" to "**§1200.18.5**"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 52

17 On page 12, line 12, after "to" and before the colon ":" insert "**all of the following**"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 53

19 On page 12, line 18, change "**§1200.23**" to "**§1200.18.6**"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 54

21 On page 12, line 20, change "**All Workers' Compensation Medical Claims Database**" to
22 "**database**"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 55

24 On page 12, delete line 21 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

25 **"confidential and privileged and shall not be public record and subject"**

26 AMENDMENT NO. 56

27 On page 13, line 1, change "**§1200.24**" to "**§1200.18.7**"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 57

29 On page 13, line 3, change after "for" and before the colon ":" insert "**any of the following**
30 **reasons**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 58

2 On page 13, line 11, change "§1200.25" to "§1200.18.8"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 59

4 On page 13, line 26, change "§1200.26" to "§1200.18.9"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 60

6 On page 13, line 27, change "any" to "a" and change "All Workers" to "database"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 61

8 On page 13, line 28, delete "Compensation Medical Claims Database"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 62

10 On page 15, line 19, after "shall" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof
11 the following:

12 **"contain, at a minimum, all of the following"**

13 AMENDMENT NO. 63

14 On page 16, line 2, after "to" and before "the" insert "all of"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 64

16 On page 17, line 3, change "under" to "pursuant to"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 65

18 On page 17, line 6, after "but" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof the
19 following:

20 **"not limited to any of the following:"**

21 AMENDMENT NO. 66

22 On page 17, line 12, change "All Workers' Compensation Medical Claims Database" to
23 "database"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 67

25 On page 17, line 17, change "Section 3." to "Section 5."

26 AMENDMENT NO. 68

27 On page 17, line 26, change "1200.18" to "1200.18.1"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 69

29 On page 17, delete line 29 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

30 "Section 6. R.S. 23:1201.1(A)(4) and (5) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

31 Section 7. Beginning no later than June 30, 2029, the assistant secretary of the
32 office"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 70

2 On page 18, line 2, after "schedule" and before "using" insert a comma "," and the following:

3 "as required by R.S. 23:1034.2(B) as amended and reenacted in Section 1 of this
4 Act,"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 71

6 On page 18, line 4, after "shall" and before the colon ":" insert "do all of the following"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 72

8 On page 18, line 13, after "shall" and before the colon ":" insert "do all of the following"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 73

10 On page 18, delete lines 24 and 25 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

11 "unless approved by the Senate and House committees on labor and industrial
12 relations and the Senate and House committees on health and welfare, meeting separately
13 or jointly. The legislature may approve, reject, or return"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 74

15 On page 19, delete lines 5 through 8 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

16 Section 8. The provisions of Sections 1 and 6 of this Act shall only become effective
17 upon approval by the Senate and House committees on labor and industrial relations and the
18 Senate and House committees on health and welfare, meeting separately or jointly, of the
19 updated fee schedule as required in Section 7 of this Act.

20 Section 9. The provisions of this Section and Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of this
21 Act shall become"