
DIGEST

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Pylant

HB No. 1083

Abstract: Provides with respect to workers' compensation benefits and medical expenses for incarcerated employees.

Present law provides that an injured employee has no right to workers' compensation benefits during a period of incarceration.

Present law provides that if the incarcerated injured worker has a dependent who relies on the compensation for support, a workers' compensation judge may order that the compensation is paid to the dependent's guardian.

Present law provides that the injured employee is eligible to resume collection of compensation benefits upon his release from incarceration.

Present law provides that if the injured employee is later found to be not guilty of the felony charges, that the prescriptive period for filing a claim will be extended for the number of days in which he was incarcerated.

Proposed law provides that present law shall not apply to medical expenses incurred when an employee has been assigned to work release or a transitional work program and is injured during his participation in such program.

Proposed law further provides that present law shall not be construed to limit the obligation of an employer to pay medical expenses that would otherwise be compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act.

(Amends R.S. 23:1201.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill.

1. Provided that nothing shall limit an employer's obligation to pay medical expenses that are otherwise compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act.