

REFERRED MEASURE APPROVED

CHAPTER 566

WORKERS' COMPENSATION PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT AWARDS

Approval by referendum of Senate Bill No. 2202 of the Fifty-fourth Legislative Assembly, which revised statutory provisions for workers' compensation permanent partial impairment awards. The bill established a minimum level of 16 percent impairment before any permanent partial impairment award may be made for a work injury. The bill increased permanent partial impairment awards for injuries resulting in more than 50 percent impairment. The bill required objective medical evidence of nerve or structural damage for injuries resulting in loss of strength, sensation, or range of motion. The bill required review by an independent physician when there is a dispute about the percentage of an injured employee's permanent impairment. The bill repealed the schedule of awards for loss of specific body members.

Approved June 11, 1996

72,207 to 37,346

NOTE: This was measure No. 9 on the primary election ballot.