

## **House Bill No. 1423 with Amendments, Version 25.1101.01001**

Industry Business and Labor Committee

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Chair Warrey

Testimony from Cynthia Schreiber-Beck, District 25 Representative

A constituent informed me that Workers Safety and Insurance has caps on the amount of funds available for modifying real estate, and adaptations and modifications to motor vehicles. The issue was that the constituent was close to the motor vehicle cap and needed to purchase another modified vehicle. Thus House Bill No.1423 with the proposed amendments in 25.1101.01001. The changes in code include:

1. Raising the real estate adaptation cap from \$75,000 to \$200,000 with an annual adjustment based on the consumer price index. The cap had not been raised since 2011 and there are three injured employees near the current cap.
2. Raising the vehicle adaptation or modification cap from \$150,000 to \$225,000 with an annual adjustment based on the consumer price index. The cap was last raised in 2013 and at this time there are three injured employees near the current cap.
3. Defining the consumer price index.
4. Adding section 2. Application, that states “this Act applies to qualifying expenditures made on or after the effective date of this Act”.

Please consider increasing the caps as proposed in the amendments to House Bill No. 1423.