

February 3, 1999

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1422

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 2, remove "and 65-05-29"

Page 1, line 3, replace "benefits" with "awards" and replace "and the prohibition against assignment of claims" with "; to provide for a study of workers' compensation permanent impairment awards"

Page 2, line 11, remove the overstrike over "~~thirty-three and one-third~~" and remove "forty"

Page 2, line 27, after the period insert "An injured employee is entitled to one additional award if a subsequent evaluation establishes that the impairment caused by the compensable injury is at least ten percent whole body greater than the initial impairment for which payment was awarded."

Page 4, line 23, remove the overstrike over "~~An injured employee is not entitled to a~~", remove "A", and remove the overstrike over "~~due solely~~"

Page 4, line 24, remove the overstrike over "~~to~~", remove "may not include a rating for chronic", and remove "syndrome or for pain beyond that pain"

Page 4, remove line 25

Page 4, line 26, remove "that condition"

Page 5, line 12, overstrike "5" and insert immediately thereafter "10"

Page 5, line 13, overstrike "5" and insert immediately thereafter "10"

Page 5, line 14, overstrike "10" and insert immediately thereafter "15"

Page 5, line 15, overstrike "10" and insert immediately thereafter "15"

Page 5, line 16, overstrike "15" and insert immediately thereafter "20"

Page 5, line 17, overstrike "15" and insert immediately thereafter "20"

Page 5, line 18, overstrike "20" and insert immediately thereafter "25"

Page 5, line 19, overstrike "20" and insert immediately thereafter "25"

Page 5, line 20, overstrike "20" and insert immediately thereafter "30"

Page 5, line 21, overstrike "25" and insert immediately thereafter "30"

Page 5, line 22, overstrike "30" and insert immediately thereafter "35"

Page 8, line 30, remove the overstrike over "~~A-permanent~~"

Page 9, remove the overstrike over lines 1 and 2

Page 9, replace lines 3 through 28 with:

**"SECTION 3. PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT AWARDS STUDY.** During the 1999-2000 interim, the bureau shall study the awards provided to injured employees with permanent impairments caused by compensable work injuries. The study must identify the advantages and disadvantages of the current system and of any proposed alternate system. The study must include recommendations on whether changes are needed and the cost of any proposed changes. Before the 2001 legislative session, the bureau shall report the results of the study to an interim committee identified by the legislative council."

Page 9, remove line 31

Renumber accordingly