

Reengrossed House Bill No. 1423

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Industry and Business Committee

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Chair: Senator Barta

Testimony from Cynthia Schreiber-Beck, District 25 Representative

Reason for HB1423:

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, who was paralyzed in a work accident in the 1980's, was close to the motor vehicle cap and needed to purchase another modified vehicle. Thus, Reengrossed House Bill No.1423 was written.

The changes in code include:

1. Raising the real estate adaptation cap from \$75,000 to \$150,000. The cap has not been raised since 2011 and WSI reported three injured employees near the current cap.
2. Raising the vehicle adaptation or modification cap from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The cap was last raised in 2013 and at this time, WSI reported there are three injured employees near the current cap.

Please consider increasing the caps as proposed in Reengrossed House Bill No.1423 for the benefit of the injured workers.

Thank you.