

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 491

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike “a substantial” and substitute “the proximate”; in line 7, after “drug;” insert “defining a certain term; requiring the Workers’ Compensation Commission to report on certain information to certain committees; providing for the termination of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 12, after “(D)” insert:

“(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “PROXIMATE CAUSE” MEANS THE CAUSE THAT IS FIRST IN IMPORTANCE AND BUT FOR WHICH AN INJURY, COMPENSABLE HERNIA, OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED.

(2) “;

in line 17, after “(1)” insert “THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF”; in line 18, strike “CAUSED SUBSTANTIALLY BY”; in line 32, strike “ESTABLISHED” and substitute “RECOMMENDED”; in the same line after “HEALTH” insert “AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION”; in lines 17, 19, 21, 25, 29, 31, 34, 35, and 37, strike “(1)”, “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, “(2)”, “(I)”, “(II)”, “(3)”, and “(I)”, respectively and substitute “(I)”, “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, “(II)”, “1.”, “2.”, “(III)”, and “1.”, respectively.

On page 3, strike beginning with “ESTABLISHED” in line 1 down through “ENTITY” in line 2; in lines 1, 4, 6, 8, and 10, strike “(II)”, “(4)”, “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(5)”, respectively and substitute “2.”, “(IV)”, “1.”, “2.”, and “(V)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 30, after “2.” insert “AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the

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Workers' Compensation Commission shall report to the Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee by October 1, 1999 on the number of workers' compensation cases in which benefits were denied under § 9-506(d) of the Labor and Employment Article as enacted by this Act during the period from October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1999, compared to the number of cases during the same period in which benefits were denied under § 9-506(b) and (c) of the Labor and Employment Article. In addition, the Commission, after consultation with the authority approved by the Commission to certify drug-free workplace programs, shall report to the same committees by October 1, 1999 on the number of drug-free workplace programs that are certified annually.

SECTION 3.”;

in line 31, after “October 1, 1996.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September 30, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.