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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 700

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike ", Barnes,"; in the same line, after "Manno" insert "and Delegates Barnes, McHale, and Krysiak"; in line 3, after "increasing" insert ", in a certain manner,"; and in line 6, after "Act;" insert "making certain conforming changes; providing for a delayed effective date".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 27, strike "(f) and (g)" and substitute "(G) AND (H)".

On page 3, in lines 4, 9, and 14, in each instance, strike "(f) and (g)" and substitute "(G) AND (H)"; in line 18, strike the brackets; in lines 18 and 19, strike "ONE-FIFTH OF THE STATE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE"; after line 19, insert:

- "(F) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (G) AND (H) OF THIS SECTION, IF A COVERED EMPLOYEE IS AWARDED COMPENSATION FOR LESS THAN 75 WEEKS, THE EMPLOYER OR ITS INSURER SHALL PAY TO THE COVERED EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION THAT EQUALS ONE-THIRD OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE COVERED EMPLOYEE BUT DOES NOT EXCEED:
- (1) FOR CLAIMS ARISING FROM EVENTS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2009, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2010, 14.3% OF THE STATE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE;
- (2) FOR CLAIMS ARISING FROM EVENTS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2011, 15.4% OF THE STATE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE; AND

(3) FOR CLAIMS ARISING FROM EVENTS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2011, 16.7% OF THE STATE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE.";

and in lines 20 and 25, strike "(f)" and "(g)", respectively, and substitute "(G)" and "(H)", respectively.

On page 4, in line 11, strike "for permanent partial disability filed" and substitute "<u>arising from events occurring</u>"; and in line 14, strike "October 1, 2008" and substitute "<u>January 1, 2009</u>".