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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 227

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "of" insert "<u>authorizing the Workers' Compensation</u> Commission to offset or credit against an award certain benefits paid by the Uninsured Employers' Fund; requiring the Fund to begin paying compensation in accordance with certain provisions of law;"; in lines 4 and 5, strike "Uninsured Employers"; in line 14, after "Section" insert "<u>9–610.1</u>, <u>9–727</u>, and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 19, insert:

"9–610.1.

The Workers' Compensation Commission may order an offset or credit against an award for permanent partial disability benefits for:

- (1) any vocational rehabilitation benefits previously provided to a covered employee; [or]
- (2) any temporary total disability benefits previously paid to a covered employee; **OR**
- (3) ANY BENEFITS PAID BY THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND THAT WERE ALSO PAID BY THE EMPLOYER.

9-727.

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- (A) The employer or its insurer shall begin paying compensation to the covered employee within 15 days after the later of the date:
 - (1) an award is made; or
 - (2) payment of an award is due.
- (B) THE UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND SHALL BEGIN PAYING COMPENSATION TO THE COVERED EMPLOYEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9–1002 OF THIS TITLE.".

On page 3, in line 7, strike "ACTUAL".

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 26 through 29, inclusive.