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Senate Labor & Commerce Committee

SB 112 “Workers Compensation Reform”

Explanation of Changes (Version R to L)

The following changes were made based on conversations with stakeholders, public testimony at the initial hearing before the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee and based on conversations with the Department of Labor:

- The transferring of hearing duties from Hearing Officers to the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Judges was removed.
- The PDMP/Controlled Substance sections were revised to prevent possible HIPPA violations.
- Changes to the Workers Comp Board composition have been removed.
- Permanent Total Disability benefit termination has been removed.
- Permanent Partial Impairment benefit termination and lump sum payment have been removed.
- Temporary Total Disability benefit termination at 104 weeks has been removed.
- The repeal and reenacting of the vocational rehabilitation program to a voucher system has been removed.
- Reference to an employer choosing a physician has been removed.
- Reporting duties of the Medical Services Review Committee have been removed.