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Sectional Analysis, Version N.A

Section 1: Provides that the act may be known as the Abigail Caudle Act.

Section 2: Increases the base amount for calculating the compensation for the permanent partial impairment from \$177,000 to \$255,506.

Section 3: Provides that the director shall annually adjust the PPI benefit for inflation.

Section 4: Requires that in the event that an injury causes death, the employer is required to notify the employee's personal representative of the compensation available, the statute of limitations, and where to obtain a list of legal counsel and grief counselors who may be able to assist.

Section 5: Increases the maximum aggregate amount of death benefits payable to parents, grandchildren, or siblings dependent on the deceased at the time of injury from \$20,000 to \$100,000. Adds a new paragraph providing that in the event there is no surviving spouse or children, and no eligible financial dependents of the deceased at the time of injury, that the amount of death benefits available will be \$70,000, and is payable in a lump sum to the parents if they are alive, or to the estate of the decedent if they are not.

Section 6: Extends the timeframe under which a child of the deceased is eligible for death benefits from until they are no longer considered a child, to five years after the person is no longer considered a child under AS 23.30.395(8).