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Sectional Analysis House Bill 314

"An Act relating to fees and charges for medical treatment or services, the crime of unsworn falsification, investigations, and penalties as they relate to workers' compensation; and providing for an effective date."

This is a summary only. Note that this sectional analysis should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. Amends AS 11.56.205(a) to add the application for benefit under AS 23.20 (the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act) to the crime of unsworn falsification in the first degree which is a class C felony

Section 2. Amends AS 23.30.097(a) to provide that after December 31, 2010, the fee may not exceed the usual, customary and reasonable charges in a fee schedule adopted by the board and must include the most recent Current Procedural terminology codes for both category I and category II medical treatment or other services.

Section 3. Amends AS 23.30.250(a) to clarify that a crime that is a violation of the chapter is prosecuted under AS 11 (Criminal Law) and that the violation may result in civil liability with an award of three times the amount of compensatory damages

Section 4. Amends AS 23.30.280(a) to change the specific statute citation of AS 23.30.250 to "this chapter" following the amendment above of that section.

Section 5. Amends AS 23.30.280(b) to delete reference to AS 23.30.250(a) to broaden the reporting of fraudulent acts to the employer.

Section 6. Repeals AS 23.30.250(c) since this provision has been included in AS 23.30.250(a) above.

Section 7. Provides for an immediate effective date under AS 01.10.070(c)