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<u>Sectional Analysis</u> House Bill 32

"An Act relating to employer-required drug testing; requiring the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board to adopt regulations relating to the prescription of controlled substances to employees; and relating to the prescription of controlled substances to employees."

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 23.10.620; An employer may require an employee to be drug tested for a controlled substance prescribed to the employee, if the employee has been prescribed a controlled substance listed in schedule IA for more than 90 days as the result of a workers' compensation claim. A negative test result may result in the denial of future payments for the controlled substance by the employer.

Section 2. Amends AS 23.30.005; The Workers' Compensation Board shall adopt regulations relating to the prescription of controlled substances to implement AS 23.30.095 (p) and (q).

Section 3. Amends AS 23.30.095; A physician may not prescribe more than a 30 day supply of a controlled substance listed in schedule IA under AS 11.71.140, or a controlled opium, substances in schedule IIIA under AS 11.71.160, or schedule VA under AS 11.71.180. An employer may not be liable for future payments of schedule IA controlled substances prescribed to an employee if the employee receives a negative drug test result.

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