

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sectional Analysis

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

Section 2: Increases the base amount in AS 23.30.190(a) for calculating the compensation for the permanent partial impairment from \$177,000 to \$255,854.

Section 3: Amends AS 23.30 to add a new section, AS 23.30.212, requiring that in the event that an injury causes death, the employer is to notify the employee's personal representative of the compensation available, the statute of limitation, and where to obtain a list of legal counsel and grief counselors who may be able to assist.

Section 4: Amends AS 23.30.215(a)(4) to increase the maximum aggregate amount of death benefits payable to a father, mother, grandchild, brother, or sister dependent on the deceased at the time of injury from \$20,000 to "the amount payable under AS 23.30.190(a) for permanent partial impairment, without any multiplier" or \$255,854. Amends AS 23.30.215(a) to add a new paragraph providing that in the event there is no widow or widower or child or children, and the father, mother, grandchildren, brothers, or sisters were not dependent on the deceased at the time of injury, that the amount of death benefits available is "fifty percent of the amount payable under AS 23.30.190(a) for permanent partial impairment, without any multiplier," or \$127,927, and is payable in a lump sum to the estate of the decedent.

Section 5: Amends AS 23.30.215 to add two new subsections:

AS 23.30.215(j) provides that the director shall annually increase the amount of benefits payable under AS 23.30.215(a).

AS 23.30.215(k) provides that death benefit payable to a child under AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(D) or (E) shall terminate five years after the person is no longer considered a child under AS 23.30.395(8).

Section 6: Provides for a January 1, 2016 effective date.