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HB214 Version W to CS for HB214 Version P Summary of Changes

"Repeal Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission."

Title

Page 1, Line 5
After 508, remove "(g)". Repeals all of Rule 508.

Section 1. AS 23.30.005

Page 1, Lines 1-2

Remove "maintain, index", "make available for public inspection", and "the board". This change was made my request of the department because it was felt like this could be handled not in Statute.

Section 5 AS 23.30 Review of Board Order

Page 3, Line 6

Everything from Version W was removed and language was inserted from the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act AS 30.30.125 "Review of Compensation Order" as of 2004 prior to the establishment of the WCAC. This change was made my request of the court system, to keep it clean and return to the original procedure.

Section 10 Indirect Court Rule Amendments

Page 5, Line 1

Remove (g) after 508. Repeals all of Rule 508.

Page 5, Lines 3-4

Insert "and by limiting costs and attorney fees that may be awarded against an injured worker."

Section 11 of Version W - Removed

A two-thirds vote will be required because there are court rule changes.

Section 11 Applicability (was Section 12 of Version W)

No Changes

Section 12 Transitional Provisions

Page 5, Line 24-26

Remove "and placed within the jurisdiction of the superior court on December 2, 2016" and insert "in the judicial district where the original claim was filed". Insert Rule 604(b).

Page 5, Line 30-31

Insert "within 30 days after the date that the board decision becomes final."

Remove paragraph (c) and the first sentence of paragraph (d) (page 6, lines 7-9) of Version W.

Page 6, Line 2

Paragraph (d) from Version W becomes paragraph (c) in Version P. Remove "only" after "decision may".

Page 6, Line 5-17

Insert new language from court system on how the files should be transferred from the WCAC to the superior court.

Section 13 Transition: Terms of Commissioners

Page 6, Line 22

Remove "February 2, 2017", insert "December 31, 2016".

Section 14

Page 6, Lines 25-27

Insert "CONDITIONAL EFFECT. This act takes effect only if secs 8 and 10 of this Act receive the two-thirds majority vote of each house required by art. IV, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska."