

Workers' Compensation: HB 79

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Workers' Compensation

Quick

Efficient

Fair

Predictable

Reasonable
cost



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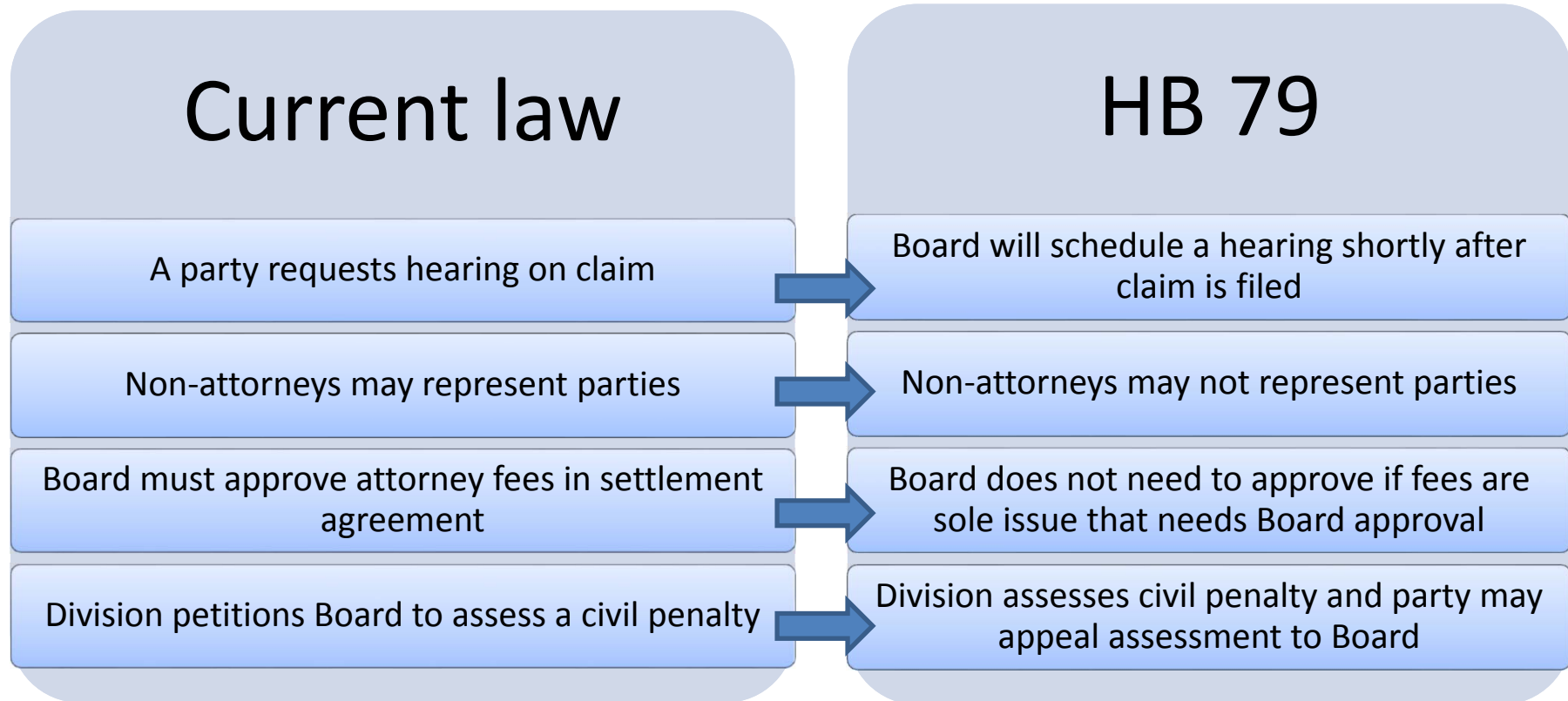
HB 79: Workers' Compensation Efficiencies Bill

- Speed up dispute resolution
- Improve the delivery of medical care to injured workers
- Strengthen provisions to prevent workers' compensation fraud by employers and employees
- Reduce administrative costs
- Ensure adequate funding for the administration of the workers' compensation and workers' safety programs



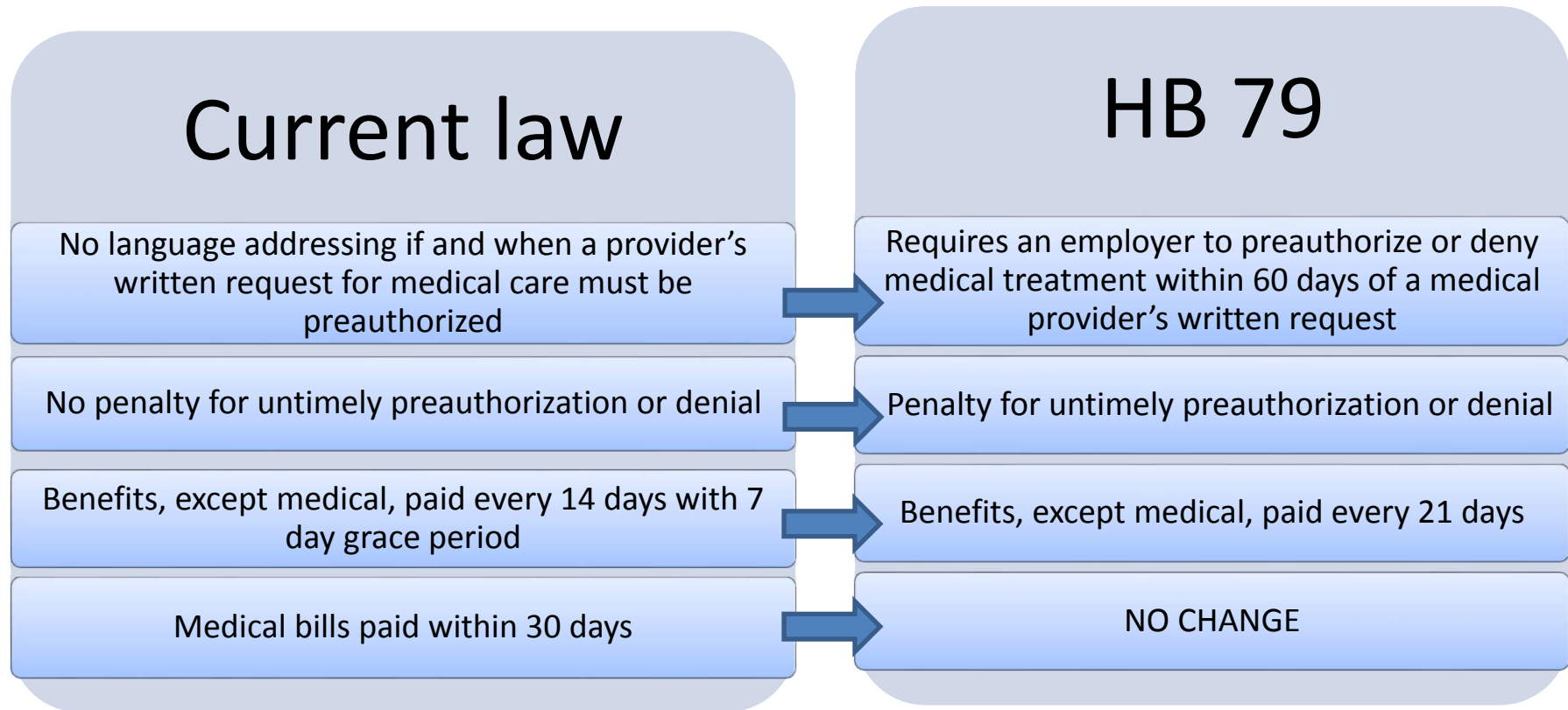
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SPEED UP DISPUTE RESOLUTION: SECS. 10-13, 18-20, 39



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IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL CARE: SECS. 16, 22, 24-25



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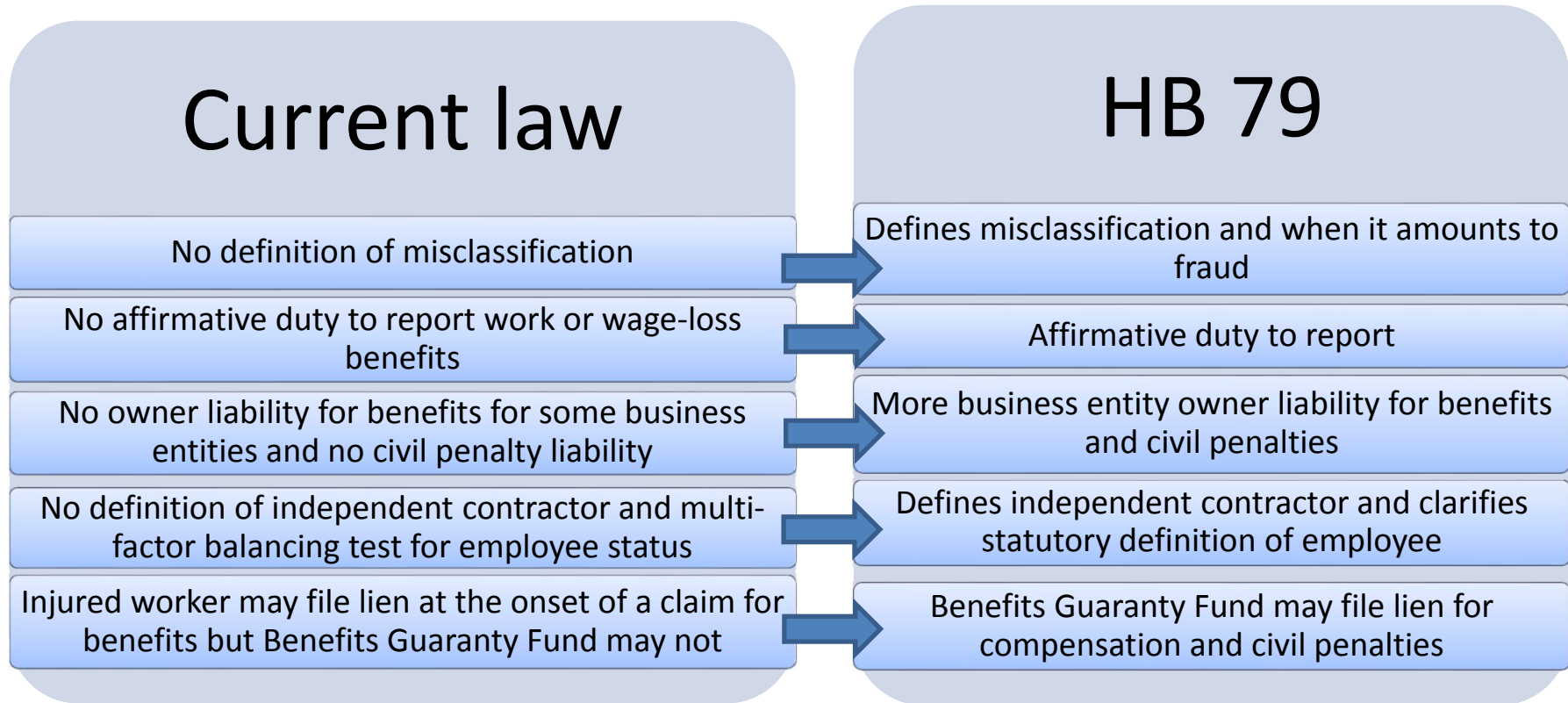
Why the Division is Tackling Misclassification

- Worker safety
- Risk of uninsured losses
- Law-abiding employers bear greater financial burden



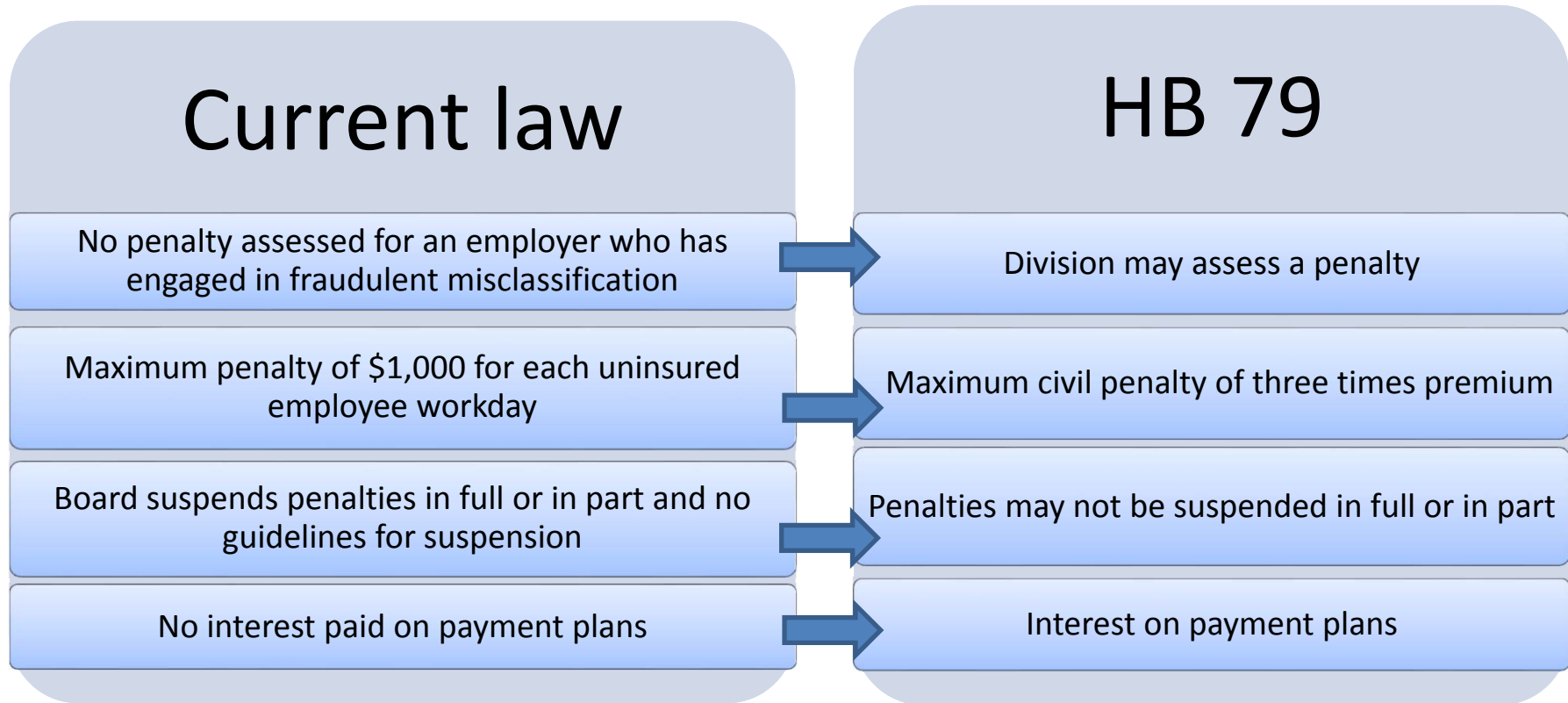
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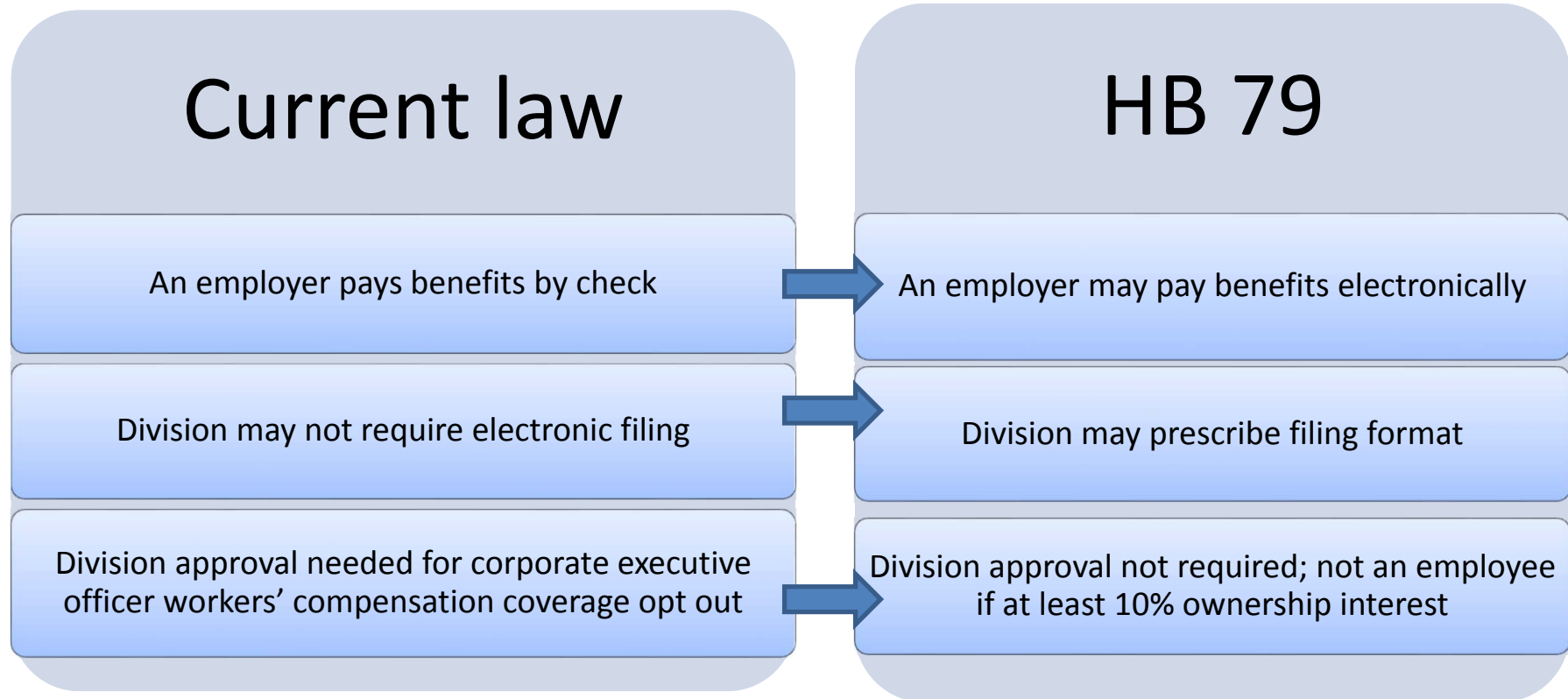
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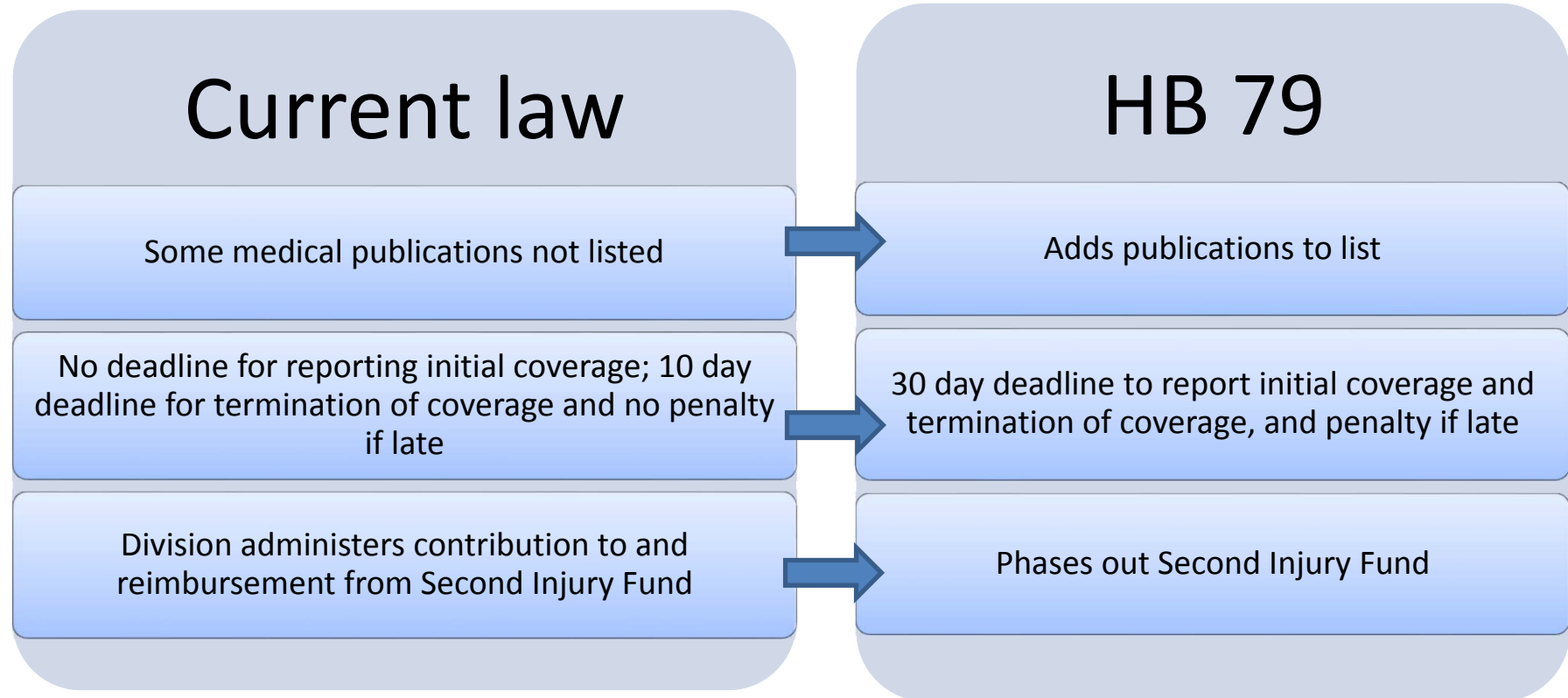
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REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS: SECS. 2-8, 15, 17, 21, 23, 26-27, 30, 32-33



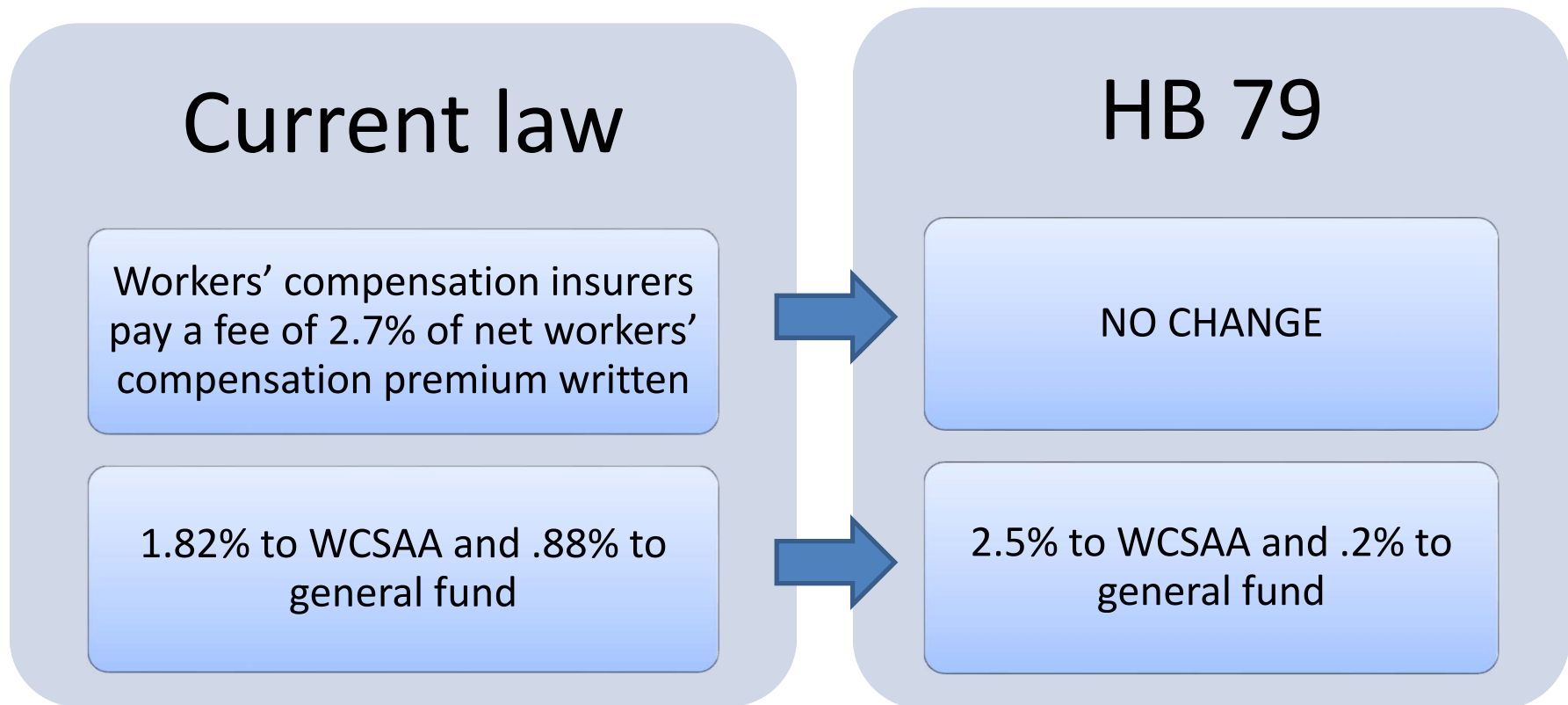
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ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING: SEC. 1



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