

# Workers' Compensation: HB 79

## House Judiciary Committee

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Quick

Efficient

Fair

Predictable

Reasonable  
cost



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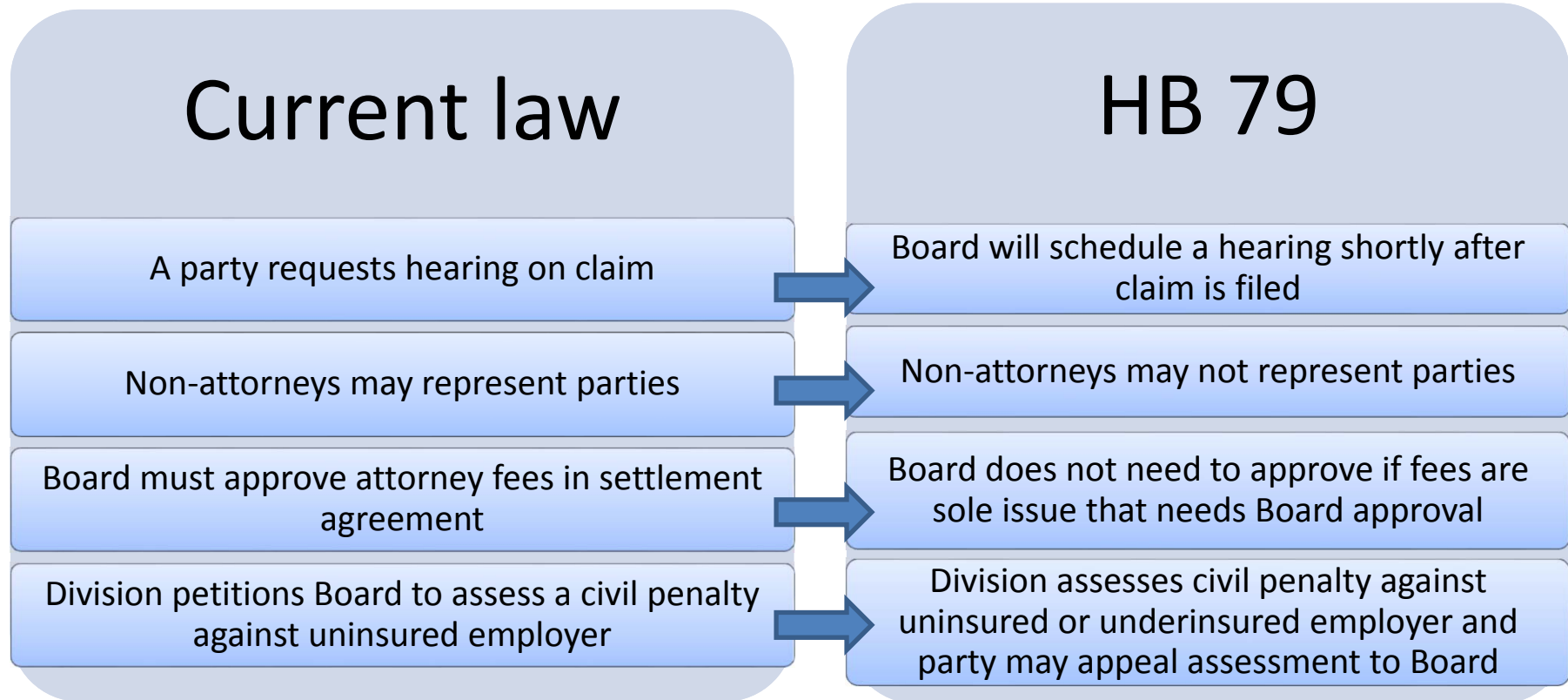
## HB 79: Workers' Compensation Efficiencies Bill

- 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



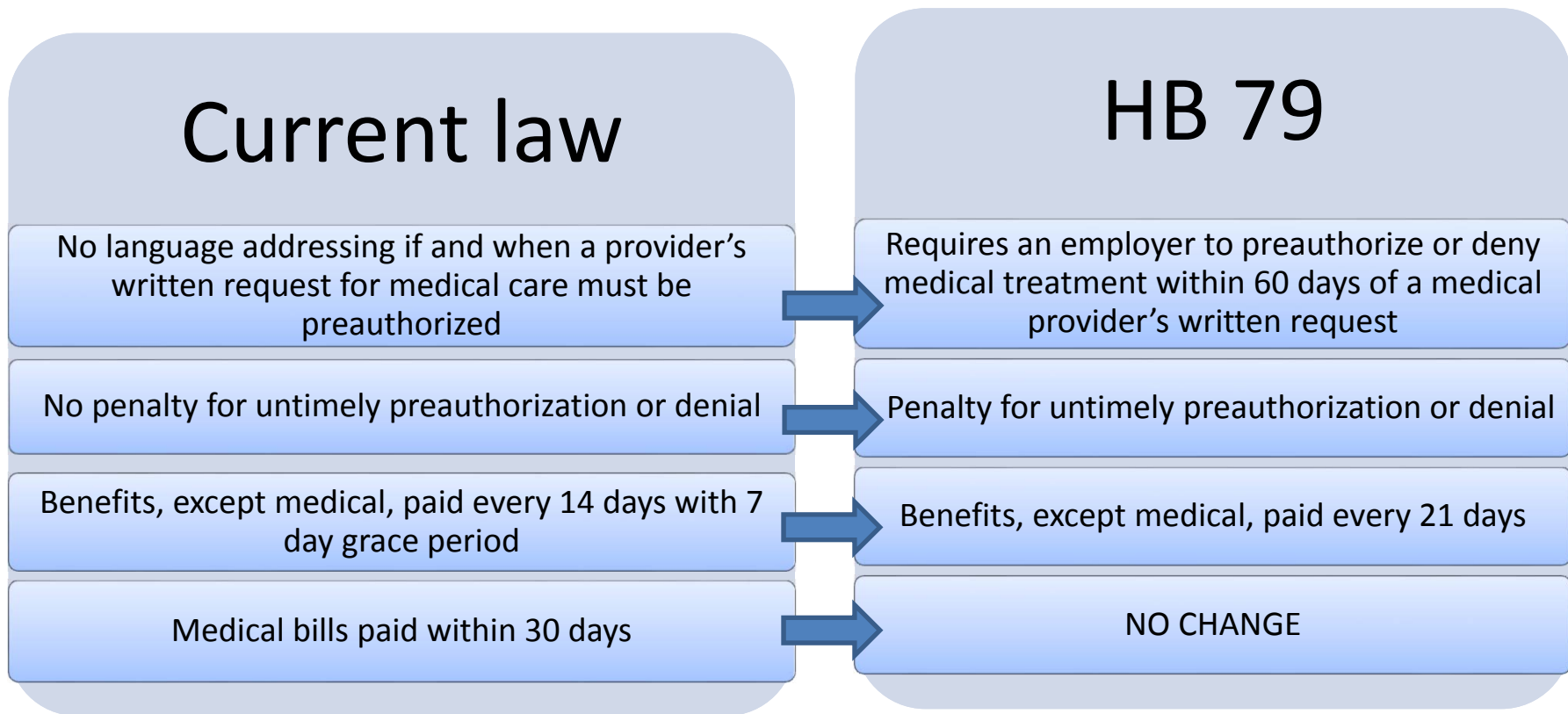
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## SPEED UP DISPUTE RESOLUTION: SECS. 8-10, 16-18, 36



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## IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL CARE: SECS. 14, 20, 22-23



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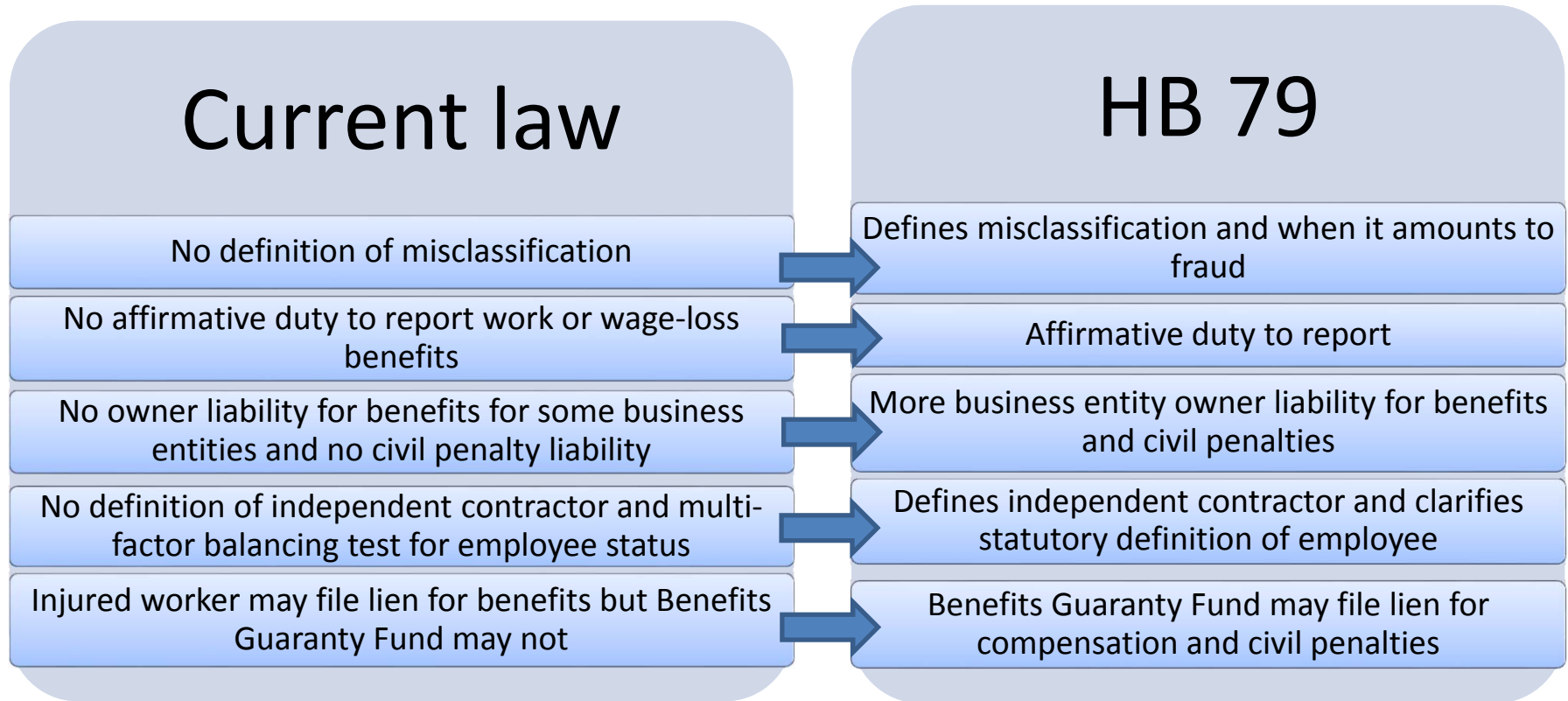
## Why the Division is Tackling Misclassification

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



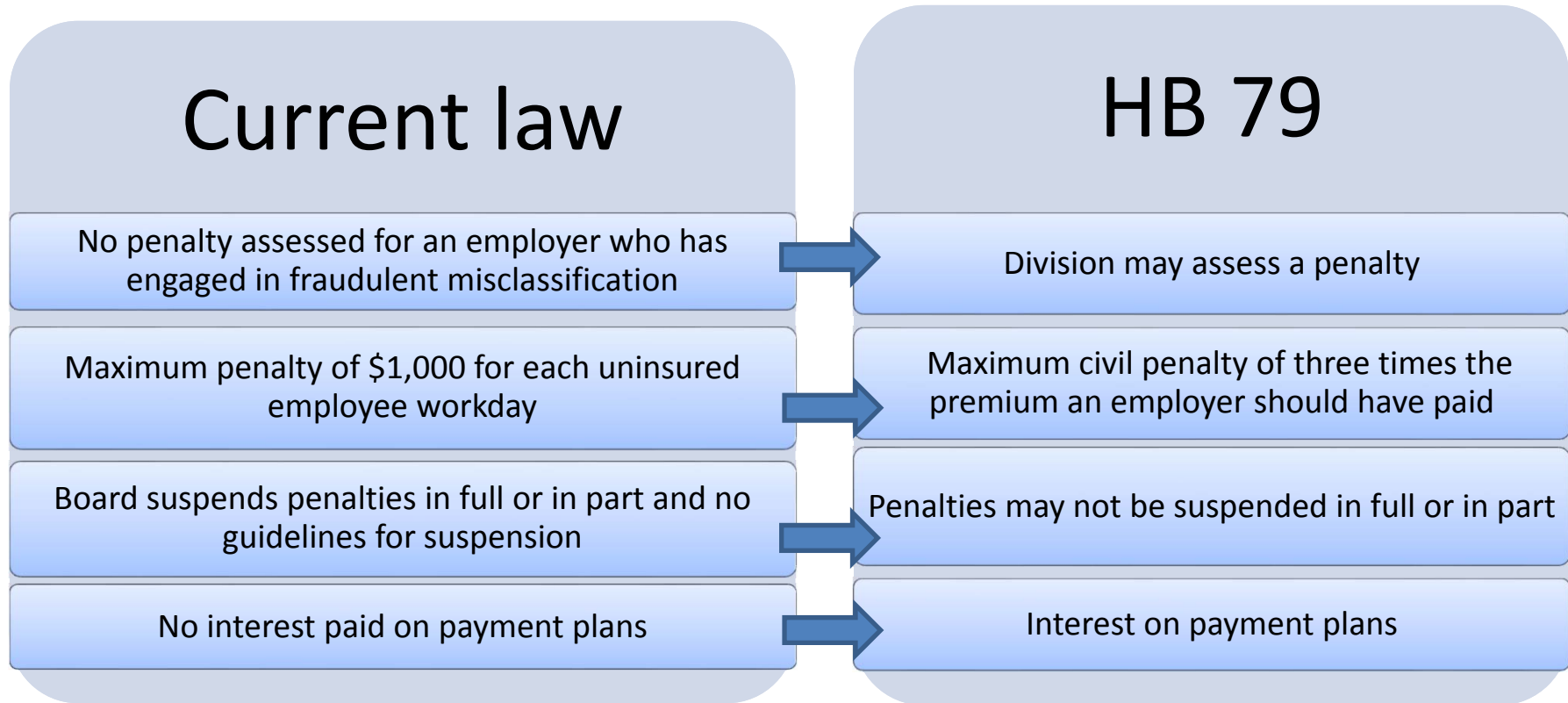
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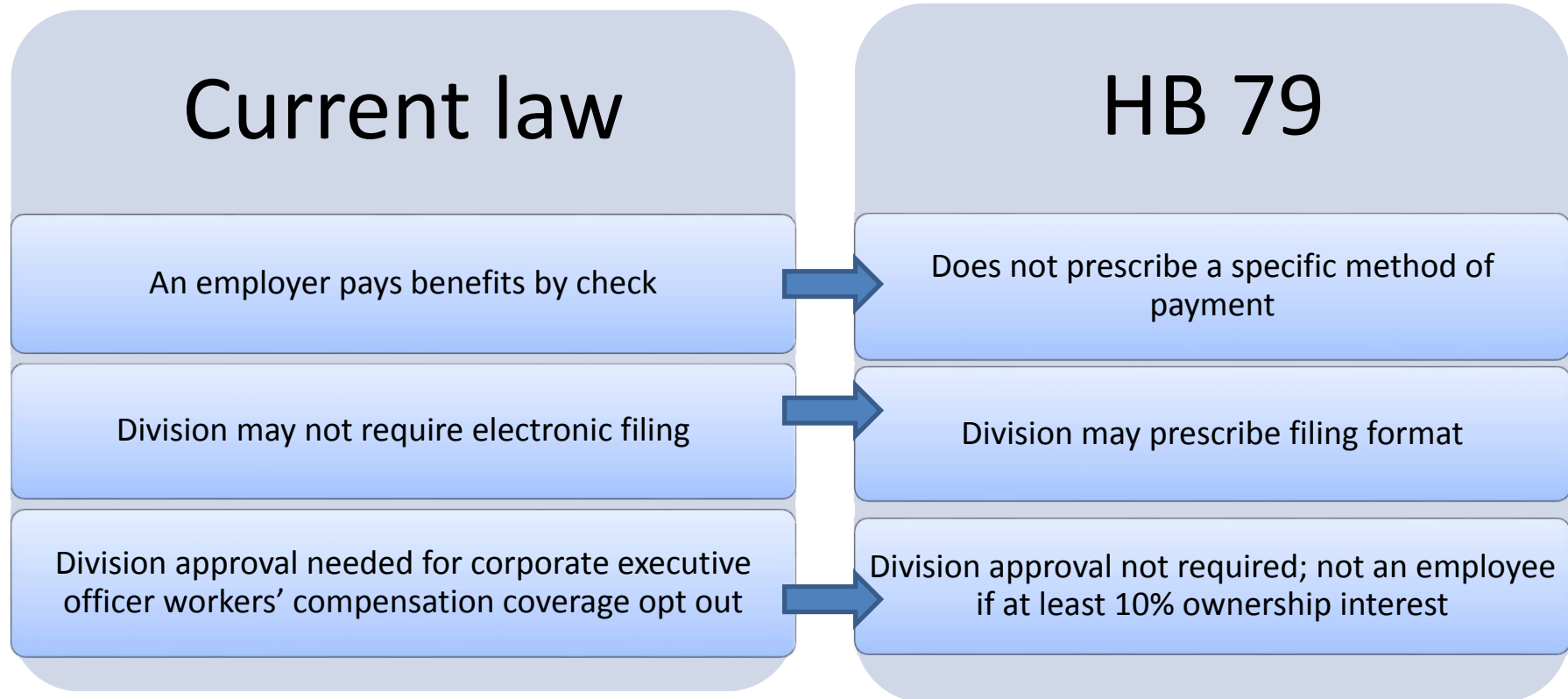
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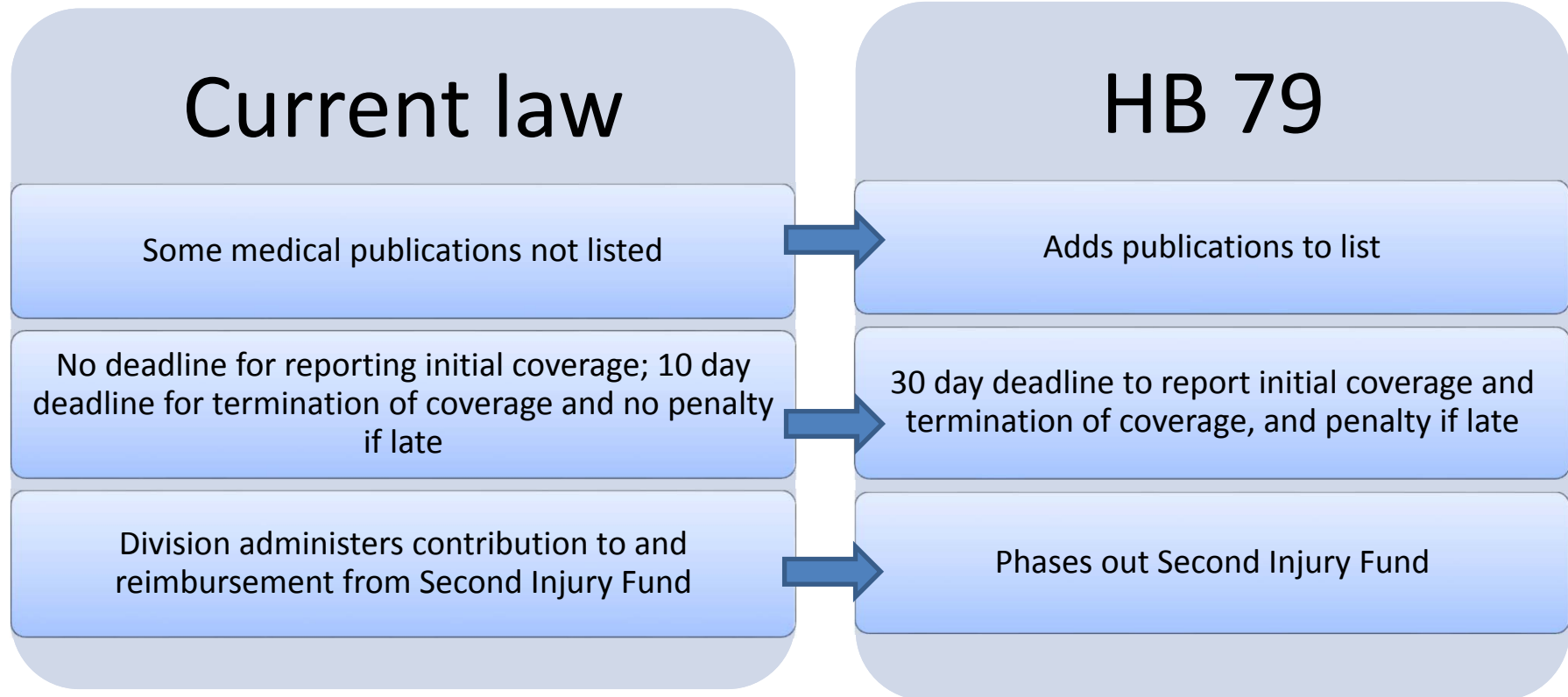
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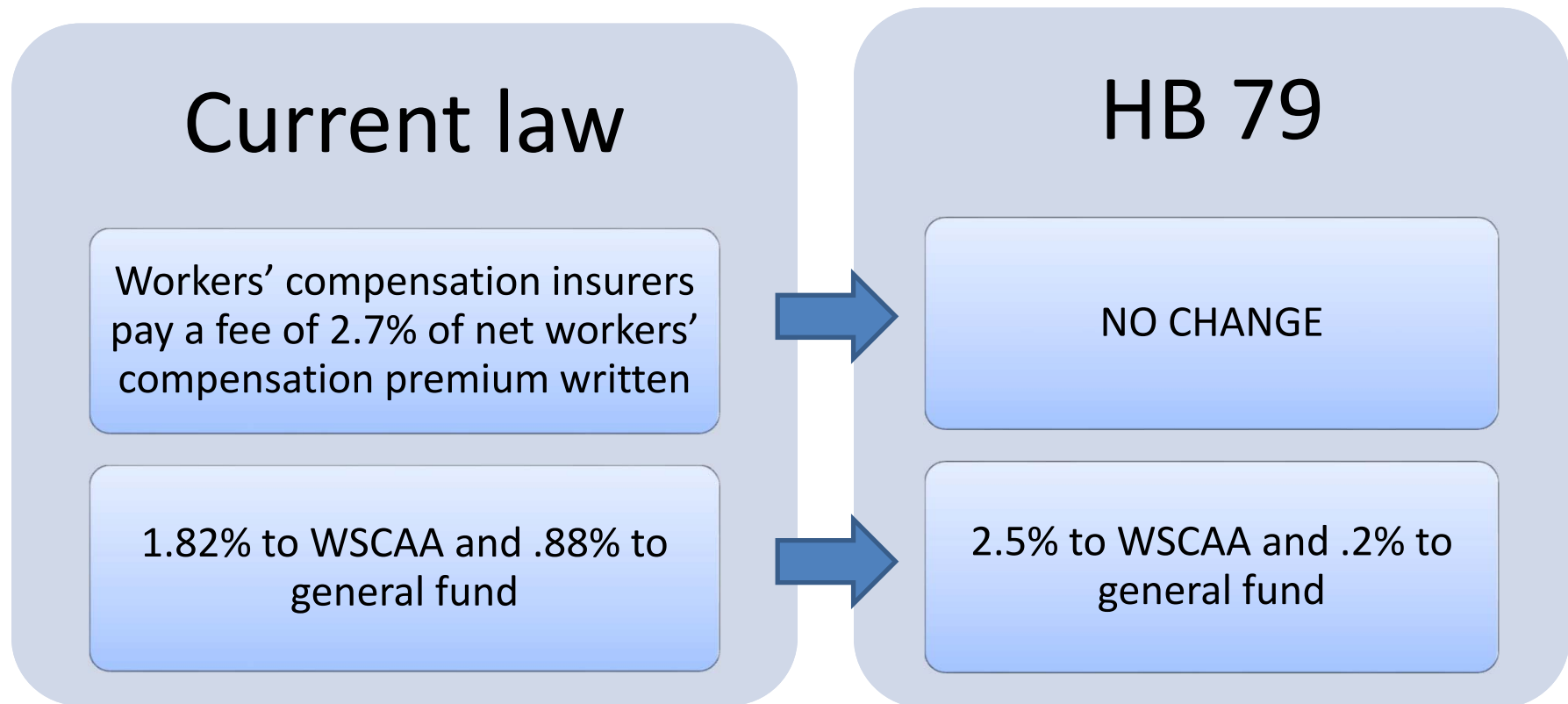
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## ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING: SEC. 1



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