

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE ANDY JOSEPHSON

Explanation of Changes

House Bill 38: Version A to Version J

Section 2

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In 2015 a report commissioned by Rep. Andy Josephson to the Office of Legislative Research indicated that the partial impairment ratings payout of \$177,000 in 2000 would be adjusted for inflation to the value of \$255,854 at the end of 2014. Legislative Research has determined that this number, provided two years ago, was in error. It has also determined that the \$177,000 in 2000 would be adjusted to the value of \$255,506 in 2016.

This CS adjusts the payout down from \$255,854 to \$255,506 to reflect what the payout adjusted for inflation would be at the end of 2016.

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In version A, the payout to the family of the decedent when the family included dependent siblings, parents, or grandchildren, was tied to the value defined in AS 23.30.190(a) (partial impairment ratings payout). In version J, the payout is no-longer tied to AS 23.30.190(a), and is assigned a hard value of \$100,000.

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In version A the payout to the family of the decedent when it did not include a dependent was 50% of the value defined in AS 23.30.190(a) (partial impairment ratings payout). In version J the payout is assigned a hard value of \$70,000. This value is \$5,000 less than the minimum \$75,000 payout required under Worker's Compensation statutes in the state of Louisiana according to the supporting document authored by Legislative Research entitled "Workers' Compensation Death Benefits Provided to Estates". Louisiana is the state with the highest payout for this benefit.