

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sectional Analysis for HB 30 Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute

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

Section 2: Increases, for inflation, 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 limitations, 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, for inflation, 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.

Amends AS 23.30.215(a) to add a new subsection providing that in the event there are no dependents of the deceased at the time of injury, that the amount of death benefits available is payable in a lump sum of \$120,000 to the parents of the deceased or the estate in the case of no surviving parents.

Section 5: Amends AS 23.30.215 to add a new subsection: AS 23.30.215(j) 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, 2020 effective date.