

Sectional Analysis for SB 66

This bill will merge two divisions within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the division of labor safety and standards and the division of workers' compensation, to create a new division of workers' safety and compensation. The division of workers' safety and compensation will administer the same programs currently administered by the two merging divisions.

Section 1:

This section would amend AS 18.20.410, temporary nurse staffing emergency, to require a healthcare facility to file a report under this section with the new division, replacing the division of labor standards and safety.

Section 2:

This section would amend AS 18.20.450, report requirements, to require healthcare facilities to file semiannual reports under this section with the new division, replacing the division of labor standards and safety.

Section 3:

This section would amend AS 18.60.055, division of labor standards and safety. The amendment would replace the current division name to recognize the establishment of the division of workers' safety and compensation. This section retains the requirement that the division establish minimum qualifications for employees acting as safety inspectors.

Section 4:

This section would amend AS 18.60.058, reporting of employment fatalities, hospitalizations, and injuries. It would require reports under this section to be made to the new division, replacing the division of labor standards and safety.

Section 5:

This section would amend AS 18.60.235, approved inspectors, to reflect that the director of the division of workers' compensation and safety would be approving examinations for safety inspectors, replacing the director of the division of labor standards and safety.

Section 6:

This section would amend AS 23.05.067, service fees for administration of workers' safety and compensation programs, to reflect that the new division would receive reports of certain workers' compensation payments.

Section 7:

This section would repeal and reenact AS 23.10.075 to establish the division of workers' safety and compensation and provide a list of the statutes which the division will administer.

Section 8:

This section would amend AS 23.10.080, powers and duties of the division, by adding a paragraph to incorporate the workers' compensation duties that would be administered by the new division.

Section 9:

This section would amend AS 23.30.025, approval and coverage of insurance policies, to reflect that certain insurance policy forms would be filed with the new division.

Section 10:

This section would amend AS 23.30.280, investigation of fraud; staffing, to reflect that certain reports or representations may be made to the new division, replacing the division of workers' compensation.

Section 11:

This section would amend AS 23.30.395(15), changing the definition of director to reflect the new division name.

Section 12:

This section would amend AS 23.30.395(17), changing the definition of division to reflect the new division name.

Section 13:

This section would amend AS 39.25.120(c)(14) to reflect the new division name in the partially exempt personnel statute.

Section 14:

This section would amend AS 39.25.158, reemployment rights for injured state employees, to reflect that an employee in the new division may review requests to return to work.

Section 15:

Repeals AS 23.30.002, division of workers' compensation; director.

Section 16:

Transition provision to account for pending matters.

Section 17:

Establishes a July 1, 2019 effective date.