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## **Amendments to Alaska's Workers' Compensation Act, 2006 through 2020**

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***You asked for an update on a previous report from our agency—LRS 06.025—“A History of Worker's Compensation in Alaska.”***

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Our report picks up where LRS 06.025 (attached) left off. In the table on the following pages we provide brief summaries of all the amendments to the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act (AS 23.30 *et seq.*) that we identified from 2006 through 2020.

As you know, LRS 06.025 provides a timeline from the establishment of the first workers' compensation law in Alaska in 1915, to a new act passed by the first Alaska Legislature in 1959 (Ch. 193, SLA 1959). The report then lists subsequent amendments to the act up to the passage of SB 130 in 2005. Below, our table takes it from there.

You will note that there were considerably fewer amendments annually to the Workers' Compensation Act in the last 15 years than in preceding years. In fact, in six of these years there were no amendments enacted at all.<sup>1</sup>

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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<sup>1</sup> While we believe our review to be thorough, it is possible that relevant measures eluded us.

Amendments to Alaska's Workers' Compensation Act (AS 23.30 et seq. ), 2006-2020		
Year	Summary	Session Law
2006	Ch. 58 related to employment of prisoners; Ch. 85 excluded qualified real estate licensees from workers compensation coverage.	Ch. 58,85, SLA 06
2007	Ch. 39 related to fees for certain medical treatment and service under the Workers' Compensation Act.	Ch.39, SLA 07
2008	Ch. 26 related to the presumption of coverage for a workers' compensation claim for disability as a result of certain diseases for certain fire fighters; Ch. 98 allowed political subdivisions to elect to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for search and rescue personnel.	Ch. 26, 98, SLA 08
2009	Ch. 4 adjusted certain fees for treatment or services under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.	Ch. 4, SLA 09
2010	Ch. 77 related to medical and rehabilitation information in workers' compensation matters; and increased the maximum funeral expenses payable.	Ch. 77, SLA 10
2011	Ch. 32 related to fees and charges for medical treatment or services as they relate to workers' compensation.	Ch. 32. SLA 11
2012	No amendments	
2013	No amendments	
2014	Ch. 55 set the fee for medical treatment or services performed outside the state; Ch. 63 related to fee for medical treatment and services.	Ch. 55, 63 SLA 14
2015	No amendments	
2016	No amendments	
2017	No amendments	
2018	Ch. 83 related to workers' compensation benefits for members of the organized militia; Ch. 91 omnibus workers' compensation measure, which includes: second injury fund, service fees and civil penalties, excluding independent contractors, etc.	Ch. 83, 91 SLA 18
2019	Ch. 25 related to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners.	Ch. 25, SLA 19
2020	No amendments	
<b>Notes:</b> Summary language comes nearly verbatim from the Alaska Legislature's Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (BASIS). <b>Source:</b> BASIS		