

# 32<sup>ND</sup> ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## Sectional Analysis for House Bill 30- Version B

### House Finance Committee Substitute

**Section 1:** Increases the base amount in AS 23.30.190(a), used to calculate the compensation for permanent partial impairment, from \$177,000 (2000 amount) to \$273,000 to account for inflation and bring Alaska's compensation rate up to the national average.

**Section 2:** Updates the monetary compensation amounts for death benefits outlined in AS 23.30.215(a) to account for inflation:

- In 23.30.215(a)(1) the amount for funeral expenses changes from \$10,000 to \$12,000 (last updated in 2000).
- In 23.30.215(a)(4) the aggregate maximum amount for dependent parents or grandparents of a deceased employee changes from \$20,000 to \$150,000 (last updated in 1968).

In 23.30.215(a)(5) the lump sum for surviving widow/widower (or children if no widow/widower) changes from \$5,000 to \$8,000 (created in 2000).

**Section 3:** Amends AS 23.30.215 to add a new subsection (j) extending death benefits payable to orphan children under AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(D) or (E) to age 23 (unless the orphan is still considered a dependent child for reason of mental or physical disability).

**Section 4:** Effective Date of January 1, 2023.