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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 521

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the payment of attorney's fees
7 in the successful prosecution of a claim for compen-
8 sation or medical benefits."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 23.30.145(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) If an employer fails to file timely notice of controversy
12 or fails to pay compensation or medical benefits within 15 days after
13 they become [IT BECOMES] due or otherwise resists the payment of
14 compensation or medical benefits, and if the claimant has employed
15 an attorney in the successful prosecution of his claim, the board
16 shall make an award to reimburse the claimant for his costs in the
17 proceedings, including a reasonable attorney fee. The award is in
18 addition to the compensation or medical benefits ordered.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 23.30.145(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) If proceedings are had for review of a compensation or
21 medical benefits order before a court, the court may allow or increase
22 an attorney's fees. The fees are in addition to compensation or
23 medical benefits ordered and shall be paid as the court may direct.