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Referred: Judiciary and
Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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 and related benefits."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 23.30.145 (b) and (c) are amended to read:

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

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