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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 349

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a Workmen's Compensation Study
7 Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 23.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 23.30.231. COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS. All benefits payable
11 under this chapter are subject to a cost-of-living adjustment which
12 is determined by use of the United States Department of Labor, Bureau
13 of Labor Statistics cost-of-living index for Alaska. Adjustments
14 in benefits shall be made according to each quarterly report of this
15 publication. In calculating adjustments a direct percentage relation-
16 ship between the rise or fall of the cost of living shall be reflected
17 in the benefits received under this chapter.

18 * Sec. 2. STUDY COMMISSION CREATED. There is created the Workmen's
19 Compensation Study Commission consisting of seven members appointed by the
20 governor, one of whom shall be a member of the state Workmen's Compensation
21 Board, one of whom shall be an official from the state office of vocational
22 rehabilitation, one of whom shall have a medical or physical therapist back-
23 ground, one representative from industry, one representative from organized
24 labor and two members at large.

25 * Sec. 3. DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The commission shall

26 (1) conduct a base survey on all workmen's compensation benefits
27 to determine the adequacy of these benefits, keeping in mind that the purpose
28 of workmen's compensation is to fully compensate the worker for wages lost
29 due to injury or death;

1 (2) determine if the Workmen's Compensation Act is broad enough
2 in its definition of compensable injuries; and

3 (3) submit a written report with recommended changes, if any, in
4 the present rate of benefits paid and compensable injuries covered under
5 AS 23.30 to the Eighth Legislature, First Session within five days of its
6 convening.

7 * Sec. 4. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. Members of the commission shall receive
8 travel and per diem allowances as provided by law for other boards and com-
9 missions.

10 * Sec. 5. COOPERATION OF OTHER STATE AGENCIES. All departments and
11 agencies of the state shall render services and information to the commission
12 as it may request.

13 * Sec. 6. DISSOLUTION. The commission shall cease to exist after the
14 submission of its report as provided under sec. 3 of this Act.

15 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval
16 or on the day it becomes law without approval.
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