

HB 1663 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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This bill increases, from 15% to 25%, the amount that a compensation or death benefit must be increased if an employee's injury or death is caused by the failure of the employer to comply with any state statute or lawful order of the Division of Workers' Compensation within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations or the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission.

The bill specifies that a compensation or death benefit must be reduced by 25% when the employee's injury or death is caused by the failure of the employee to use employer-provided safety devices or to obey any reasonable rule adopted by the employer for employees' safety. Currently, the benefit may be reduced at least 25% but no more than 50%.