

CCS HCS SB 303 -- WORKERS COMPENSATION

This bill modifies provisions related to Worker's Compensation.

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF DISABILITY PAYMENTS (Sections 287.170 to 287.180, RSMo)

This bill allows for electronic payments of certain benefits such as temporary total or temporary partial disability payments.

SECOND INJURY FUND (Sections 287.220 and 287.715)

The Division of Workers' Compensation within the Department of Labor may give priority to and pay from the Second Injury Fund, all death benefits related to claims before January 1, 2014 and ongoing medical expenses occurring before January 1, 2014.

Currently, the Second Injury Fund receives funds from an annual surcharge of up to 3% on Employers' Workers' Compensation premiums and an annual supplemental surcharge of up to 3% for calendar years 2014 to 2021. This bill extends the supplemental surcharge sunset from 2021 to December 31, 2023, but authorizes a 2.5% surcharge during calendar year 2023 with the 3% surcharge remaining during calendar year 2022.

SELF-INSURANCE (Section 287.280)

If a group of employers who have been granted self-insurance authority under Chapter 537 or a public sector individual employer granted self-insurance authority under Chapter 537, files for bankruptcy and fails to pay any of its obligations that are owed to an injured employee or an injured employee's dependent or dependents, the Division shall call upon the entire security posted by the group of employers or public sector individual employer. The Division may refer all known losses or cases of the group of employers or public sector individual employer to a third-party administrator or any such entity authorized in this state to administer the Workers' Compensation cases. Any unused portion of the security proceeds must be returned to the Division.

ELECTRONIC FILINGS WITH LIRC (Section 287.480)

The bill allows the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission (LIRC) to permit the filing of applications for review, briefs, motions, and other requests for relief with the Commission by electronic means, in such manner as it may, by rule, prescribe.