
HOUSE BILL 1773

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By Representatives McMorris and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to employer payment of industrial insurance
2 compensation; and adding a new section to chapter 51.32 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.32 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) An employer insured with the state fund may elect, as provided
7 in this section, to pay the award to which an injured worker is
8 entitled under RCW 51.32.080. An award that the employer elects to pay
9 under this section must be determined, and payment administered, by the
10 department as required under this title. Following entry of the
11 department's order establishing the award, the employer electing
12 payment under this section has sixty days from the day on which a copy
13 of the order was communicated to the employer:

14 (a) To reimburse the department in full; or

15 (b) If the award is subject to RCW 51.32.080(6), to reimburse the
16 department for the first monthly payment. Thereafter, the employer is
17 entitled to reimburse the department according to a schedule and
18 procedures adopted by the department by rule.

1 (2) To the extent that timely payment is made by an employer under
2 subsection (1) of this section, the department may not charge the
3 amount of the award for which the department was reimbursed to the
4 employer's experience record or otherwise modify the employer's
5 experience rating based on the reimbursed amounts.

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