

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1261

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying motor vehicles of injured workers.

Sponsors: Representatives Romero, Conway, Veloria, Cooper, O'Brien and Kenney.

House Committee on Commerce & Labor

Senate Committee on Labor & Workforce Development

Background:

If an injured worker is an amputee or is paralyzed, the supervisor of industrial insurance at the Department of Labor and Industries may order payment toward the cost of modifying the worker's motor vehicle. The amount to be paid may not exceed 50 percent of the state's average annual wage for one year (approximately \$15,239 for fiscal year 1999).

Summary:

The supervisor of industrial insurance at the Department of Labor and Industries may, in his or her sole discretion, order an increase in the amount paid toward modifying motor vehicles of injured workers who are amputees or paralyzed. The supervisor may increase the standard amount (up to 50 percent of the state's average wage for one year) by no more than \$4,000.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 0

Senate 46 0 (Senate amended)

House 97 0 (House concurred)

Effective: July 25, 1999