
Natural Resources Committee

HB 2401

Brief Description: Reimbursing employees of the department of natural resources who are victims of assault.

Sponsors: Representatives Doumit, Eickmeyer, Rockefeller, Sump, Jackley, Pearson, Ericksen, Hatfield, Chase, Edwards, McDermott and Haigh; by request of Department of Natural Resources.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Makes employees of the Department of Natural Resources, who have been assaulted by offenders and sustain injuries which result in missed days of work, eligible for reimbursement for some of their costs attributable to the assault under the same program available for employees of the Department of Social and Health Services, Department of Corrections, and Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hearing Date: 1/29/02

Staff: Bill Lynch (786-7092).

Background:

Employees of the Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, who are assaulted by offenders and sustain injuries which require the employees to miss days of work, are eligible for supplementary reimbursement from the state. The injury cannot be attributable to the employee's negligence, misconduct, or failure to comply with the rules of employment.

Employees who qualify for this reimbursement are eligible for their full salary minus any time loss payments received from industrial insurance. Sick leave for these employees is not reduced for the workdays that are missed. Reimbursement under this program may not exceed 365 consecutive days from the date of the injury.

Summary of Bill:

Employees of the Department of Natural Resources, who have been assaulted by offenders and sustain injuries which result in missed days of work, are eligible for reimbursement for some of their costs attributable to the assault under the same program available for employees of the Department of Social and Health Services, Department of Corrections, and Department of Veterans Affairs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.