
SENATE BILL 6302

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By Senators Fairley, Kline, Franklin, Keiser and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to workers' compensation for multiple chemical
2 sensitivity syndrome; adding a new section to chapter 51.08 RCW; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 51.32 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 "Multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome" means a chronic condition
8 with symptoms that affect multiple organ systems and recur reproducibly
9 in an individual in response to low levels of exposure to multiple
10 unrelated chemicals and improve or resolve when the triggering
11 chemicals are removed.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 51.32 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) Multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome due to workplace
15 exposure to chemicals is an occupational disease compensable under this
16 title.

17 (2) A worker who has been diagnosed with multiple chemical
18 sensitivity syndrome prior to experiencing symptoms of a work-related

1 occupational disease due to chemical exposure does not need to prove
2 that the occupational disease arises naturally and proximately out of
3 employment. The worker need prove only that work-related conditions
4 contributed to, aggravated, exacerbated, or accelerated the preexisting
5 multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome.

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