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1 AN ACT Relating to achieving savings in workers' compensation, but
2 only with respect to freezing cost-of-living increases for fiscal year
3 2012; amending RCW 51.32.075; providing an effective date; and
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.32.075 and 1988 c 161 s 7 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The compensation or death benefits payable pursuant to the
9 provisions of this chapter for temporary total disability, permanent
10 total disability, or death arising out of injuries or occupational
11 diseases shall be adjusted as follows:

12 (1) On July 1, 1982, there shall be an adjustment for those whose
13 right to compensation was established on or after July 1, 1971, and
14 before July 1, 1982. The adjustment shall be determined by multiplying
15 the amount of compensation to which they are entitled by a fraction,
16 the denominator of which shall be the average monthly wage in the state
17 under RCW 51.08.018 for the fiscal year in which such person's right to
18 compensation was established, and the numerator of which shall be the
19 average monthly wage in the state under RCW 51.08.018 on July 1, 1982.

1 (2) In addition to the adjustment established by subsection (1) of
2 this section, there shall be another adjustment on July 1, 1983, for
3 those whose right to compensation was established on or after July 1,
4 1971, and before July 1983, which shall be determined by multiplying
5 the amount of compensation to which they are entitled by a fraction,
6 the denominator of which shall be the average monthly wage in the state
7 under RCW 51.08.018 for the fiscal year in which such person's right to
8 compensation was established, and the numerator of which shall be the
9 average monthly wage in the state under RCW 51.08.018 on July 1, 1983.

10 (3) In addition to the adjustments under subsections (1) and (2) of
11 this section, further adjustments shall be made beginning on July 1,
12 1984, and on each July 1st thereafter for those whose right to
13 compensation was established on or after July 1, 1971. The adjustment
14 shall be determined by multiplying the amount of compensation to which
15 they are entitled by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the
16 average monthly wage in the state under RCW 51.08.018 for the fiscal
17 year in which such person's right to compensation was established, and
18 the numerator of which shall be the average monthly wage in the state
19 under RCW 51.08.018 on July 1st of the year in which the adjustment is
20 being made. The department or self-insurer shall adjust the resulting
21 compensation rate to the nearest whole cent, not to exceed the average
22 monthly wage in the state as computed under RCW 51.08.018.

23 (4) No adjustment shall be made on July 1, 2011, under subsection
24 (3) of this section.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
27 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
28 July 1, 2011.

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