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HOUSE BILL 1355

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to claim files and compensation under the
- 2 industrial insurance laws; amending RCW 51.08.173; adding new sections
- 3 to chapter 51.08 RCW; and creating a new section.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 "Third-party administrator" means any entity that contracts to 8 administer workers' compensation claims for self-insured employers
- 9 qualified under RCW 51.14.020 and certified pursuant to RCW 51.14.030,
- 10 or provides claims administration, monitoring, or review for any
- 11 employer, and is considered to be an employer representative.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 51.08 RCW to read as follows:
- 14 "Claims management entity" means any individual designated by a
- 15 self-insured employer qualified under RCW 51.14.020 and certified
- 16 pursuant to RCW 51.14.030 to administer workers' compensation claims
- 17 including self-administered organizations and third-party

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- 1 administrators, or provides claims administration, monitoring, or
- 2 review for any employer, and is considered to be an employer
- 3 representative.
- 4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 51.08.173 and 1983 c 174 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- "Self-insurer" <u>or "self-insured employer"</u> means an employer or group of employers which has been authorized under this title to carry its own liability to its employees covered by this title.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** This act applies to all claims open after 10 January 1, 2014.

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