

HB 1837 - H AMD 1073

By Representative Vick

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1 On page 2, after line 19, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. RCW 49.17.370 and 2004 c 1 s 2 (Initiative Measure No.
3 841, approved November 4, 2003) are each amended to read as follows:

4 (1) For the purposes of this section, "state ergonomics
5 regulations" are defined as the rules addressing musculoskeletal
6 disorders, adopted on May 26, 2000, by the director of the
7 department of labor and industries, and codified as WAC 296-62-05101
8 through 296-62-05176. The state ergonomics regulations, filed on May
9 26, 2000, by the director and codified as WAC 296-62-05101 through
10 296-62-05176 are repealed. ((The))Except as provided in subsection
11 (2) of this section, the director shall not have the authority to
12 adopt any new or amended rules dealing with musculoskeletal
13 disorders, or that deal with the same or similar activities as these
14 rules being repealed, until and to the extent required by congress
15 or the federal occupational safety and health administration.

16 (2) The director may only adopt rules dealing with
17 musculoskeletal disorders for state agencies for a specific activity
18 or injury, and such rules must be approved by the legislature prior
19 to their effective date. The director is encouraged to work with
20 targeted industries to develop technical assistance programs and
21 conduct pilot projects for specific activities or injuries."

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23 On page 2, beginning on line 20, strike all of section 2

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25 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Removes the bill's repeal of the restriction on regulating work-related musculoskeletal disorders and ergonomics, and instead provides limited authority to the Department of Labor and Industries to adopt specific rules for state agencies, with approval by the Legislature.

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