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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, APRIL 18, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled "An  
2 act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for  
3 injuries received by an employe in the course of employment;  
4 establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing  
5 procedure for the determination of liability and compensation  
6 thereunder; and prescribing penalties," further providing for  
7 a minimum compensation amount.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known  
11 as The Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act, reenacted and  
12 amended June 21, 1939 (P.L.520, No.281), is amended by adding a  
13 section to read:

14 Section 306.3. (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of this  
15 act, the minimum weekly compensation amount to be paid to any  
16 person receiving compensation under section 306(a) shall be  
17 equal to that amount received by a person for a forty-hour week  
18 under the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as "The  
19 Minimum Wage Act of 1968." This minimum compensation amount  
20 shall be annually adjusted in accordance with any adjustment in

1 the minimum wage under "The Minimum Wage Act of 1968," and any  
2 person receiving the minimum amount shall have his compensation  
3 amount so adjusted.

4 (b) (1) The additional compensation provided for under this  
5 section for injuries occurring prior to January 1, 1991 shall be  
6 paid by the Commonwealth through reimbursement of the respective  
7 insurer, self-insurer or the State Fund.

8 (2) The additional compensation provided for under this  
9 section for injuries occurring on and after January 1, 1991  
10 shall be paid by the respective insurer, self-insurer or the  
11 State Fund.

12 (c) The department shall promulgate the regulations  
13 necessary to carry out this section.

14 Section 2. The sum of \$9,000,000, or as much thereof as may  
15 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Labor  
16 and Industry for the period July 1, 1989 to December 31, 1990 to  
17 carry out this act. This amount shall be allocated as follows:

18 (1) The sum of \$6,000,000 for the period July 1, 1989 to  
19 June 30, 1990. This allocation shall not lapse.

20 (2) The sum of \$3,000,000 for the period July 1, 1990 to  
21 December 31, 1990.

22 Any funds from the total appropriation amount remaining  
23 unexpended or unencumbered on December 31, 1990 shall lapse.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1989.