

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1117 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY HANNA, TIGUE, SCRIMENTI, GEORGE, BELFANTI,
BELARDI, MICHLOVIC, M. COHEN AND FREEMAN, MARCH 29, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MARCH 29, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled, as
2 reenacted and amended, "An act defining the liability of an
3 employer to pay damages for injuries received by an employe
4 in the course of employment; establishing an elective
5 schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the
6 determination of liability and compensation thereunder; and
7 prescribing penalties," raising the compensation rate for
8 certain individuals; and making an appropriation.

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

11 Section 1. Section 306(h) of the act of June 2, 1915
12 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act,
13 reenacted and amended June 21, 1939 (P.L.520, No.281) and added
14 December 5, 1974 (P.L.782, No.263), is amended to read:

15 Section 306. The following schedule of compensation is
16 hereby established:

17 * * *

18 (h) Any person receiving compensation under sections 306(a),
19 306(b), 306(c)(23), or section 307, as a result of an accident
20 which occurred prior to the effective date of the amendatory act

1 of [January 17, 1968 (P.L.6, No.4)] March 29, 1972 (P.L.159,
2 No.61) shall have the compensation rate adjusted to the level
3 they would have received had the injury occurred on the
4 effective date of the amendatory act of [January 17, 1968
5 (P.L.6, No.4)] March 29, 1972 (P.L.159, No.61) and had the
6 injured employe been earning wages equal to [ninety dollars
7 (\$90)] one hundred forty-one dollars (\$141) per week. The
8 additional compensation shall be paid by the self-insured
9 employer or insurance carrier making payment and shall be
10 reimbursed in advance by the Commonwealth on a quarterly basis
11 as provided in rules and regulations of the department. The
12 payment of additional compensation shall be made by the carrier
13 or self-insured employer only during those fiscal years for
14 which appropriations are made to cover reimbursement.

15 Section 2. The sum of \$15,000,000, or as much thereof as may
16 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Labor
17 and Industry for the fiscal year July 1, 1998, to June 30, 1999,
18 to carry out the provisions of this act.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.