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FEBRUARY 14, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, FEBRUARY 14, 2001

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," further providing for workplace  
8 safety committees.

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

11 Section 1. Section 1002 of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736,  
12 No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, reenacted and  
13 amended June 21, 1939 (P.L.520, No.281), and amended June 24,  
14 1996 (P.L.350, No.57), is amended to read:

15 Section 1002. (a) An insured employer may make application  
16 to the department for the certification of any established  
17 safety committee operative within its workplace developed for  
18 the purpose of hazard detection and accident prevention. The

1 department shall develop such certification criteria.

2 (b) Upon the renewal of the employer's workers' compensation  
3 policy next following receipt of department certification, the  
4 employer shall receive a five per centum discount in the rate or  
5 rates applicable to the policy for a period of one year. The  
6 five per centum discount shall continue for a total of [five]  
7 ten years if the employer, by affidavit, provides annual  
8 verification to the department and to the employer's insurer  
9 that the safety committee continues to be operative and  
10 continues to meet the certification requirements.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.