THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1354

Session of 1979

INTRODUCED BY GOEBEL, MAY 22, 1979

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MAY 22, 1979

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled, as 2 amended, "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay 3 damages for injuries received by an employe in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of 5 compensation; providing procedure for the determination of 6 liability and compensation thereunder; and prescribing 7 penalties, providing for quarterly estimates relating to certain costs of compensation. 8 9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 10 hereby enacts as follows: 11 Subsection (h) of section 306, act of June 2, 12 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as "The Pennsylvania Workmen's 13 Compensation Act, " reenacted and amended June 21, 1939 (P.L.520, 14 No.281), added December 5, 1974 (P.L.782, No.263), is amended to 15 read: 16 Section 306. The following schedule of compensation is hereby established: 17 18 19 (h) Any person receiving compensation under sections 306(a), 20 306(b), 306(c)(23), or section 307, as a result of an accident

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 and twenty dollars (\$120) 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 <u>self-insured employer or insurance carrier making such</u>
- 13 additional payments shall submit an estimate of the anticipated
- 14 cost for the quarter to the Commonwealth thirty (30) days in
- 15 <u>advance at each quarter. The Commonwealth shall then reimburse</u>
- 16 the self-insured employer or insurance carrier and any necessary
- 17 <u>adjustments will be made on the estimate for the next following</u>
- 18 quarter as provided in the rules and regulations of the
- 19 department. The payment of additional compensation shall be made
- 20 by the carrier or self-insured employer only during those fiscal
- 21 years for which appropriations are made to cover reimbursement.
- 22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.