

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, FEBRUARY 12, 1997

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," providing for cost-of-living  
8 increases in the amount of compensation payable.

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

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

14 Section 308.2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
15 act, the amount of compensation payable to an employe, other  
16 than medical costs, and to the survivor of an employe shall be  
17 increased each year by the same percentage as the increase in  
18 the cost of living for the previously completed calendar year,  
19 as published by the United States Department of Labor. The  
20 increase in the amount of compensation payable shall take effect

1 thirty days after publication of the percentage increase by the  
2 United States Department of Labor.

3       Section 2. This act shall apply to compensation payable on  
4 or after January 1, 1999.

5       Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.