

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 461

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INTRODUCED BY SWEET, F. TAYLOR, COCHRAN, CAPPABIANCA, DeWEESE,  
GREENFIELD, DeMEDIO AND SHUPNIK, MARCH 5, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, MARCH 5, 1979

AN ACT

1 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  
4 employment; establishing an elective schedule of  
5 compensation; providing procedure for the determination of  
6 liability and compensation thereunder; and prescribing  
7 penalties," raising the compensation rate for certain  
8 individuals and making an appropriation.

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

11 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 306, act of June 12,  
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  
17 hereby established:

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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  
21 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 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 \$16,000,000, or as much thereof as may  
16 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Labor  
17 and Industry for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979 to carry  
18 out the provisions of this act.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1979.