

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 147 Session of 2021

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SENATOR BARTOLOTTA, LABOR AND INDUSTRY, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled "An
2 act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for
3 injuries received by an employe in the course of employment;
4 establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing
5 procedure for the determination of liability and compensation
6 thereunder; and prescribing penalties," in health and safety,
7 further providing for certification of safety committee.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1002(a) of the act of June 2, 1915
11 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, is
12 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
13 read:

14 Section 1002. (a) An insured employer may make application
15 to the department for the certification of any established
16 safety committee operative within its workplace developed for
17 the purpose of hazard detection [and], accident prevention and
18 providing information regarding the risks associated with
19 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, INCLUDING opioid painkiller use. The department <--
20 shall develop such certification criteria.

1 (a.1) The department shall develop and make available
2 resources for employers to comply with this section.

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4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.