

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL**No. **147** Session of  
2021

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SENATOR BROWNE, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED,  
APRIL 27, 2021

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## 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 WITHIN 21 DAYS, THE     <--  
2     DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY, DEVELOP and make available resources  
3     for employers to comply with this section.

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5     Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days.~~ AS     <--

6     FOLLOWS:

7             (1) THE FOLLOWING SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY:

8                 (I) THE ADDITION OF SUBSECTION (A.1) OF THE ACT.

9                 (II) THIS SECTION.

10            (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 120  
11     DAYS.