

Senate Economic Development, Housing, & General Affairs
H. 217 An act relating to miscellaneous workers' compensation amendments

Keep level at 1.5%

“Premium for workers’ compensation insurance shall be 1.5 percent.”

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Back to existing law

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Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- P. 11 sec. 8
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 - NCCI National Council on Compensation Insurance Report

Cameron Wood, Policy and Legislative Affairs Director, Department of Labor

- Based on the redrafting we would be comfortable with the re-draft
- Interested in getting individuals the opportunity to get back to work, even if its part time.
- **Not in support of the dependent benefit increase or the dependent benefit being added to the temporary partial.**
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- The Admin. Aren’t going to support increasing workers comp rates to employers
- Sen. Clarkson: Who would run the language by NCCI?
 - DOL can
- Increase of .2%
 - Is the department supportive of people getting their payments on time?
 - Yes
- DOL doesn’t have data on late payments
- No mandatory reporting
- **Q: If there is a decision to discontinue benefits, DOL is implicated in monitoring benefits**
- **Employer is also responsible, new DOL system will be able to track weekly benefits**
- Legal obligation is on the insurance company, which acts on behalf of the employer
 - No DOL system to track this. Hoping that this will be a component of the new system.
 - DOL to check back on this
 - Language incorporated into the bill to include this
- *Disincentive to return to work has existed for a long time*

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for Justice

- 300,000 dollars for written premiums

James Feehan, Government Relations Director, American Property and Casualty Insurance Association

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