



General Assembly

February Session, 2000

***Raised Bill No. 69***

LCO No. 550

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***An Act Concerning Prompt Payment Of Workers' Compensation Medical Bills.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) Each insurer writing workers' compensation insurance in  
2 this state shall pay claims not later than forty-five days after receipt by  
3 the insurer of the health care provider's request for payment filed in  
4 accordance with the insurer's practices or procedures, except that  
5 when there is a deficiency in the information needed for processing a  
6 claim, the insurer shall (1) send written notice to the health care  
7 provider of all alleged deficiencies in information needed for  
8 processing a claim not later than thirty days after the insurer receives a  
9 claim for payment or reimbursement under the contract, and (2) pay  
10 claims for payment or reimbursement under the contract not later than  
11 thirty days after the insurer receives the information requested.

12 (b) Unless the Insurance Commissioner determines that a legitimate  
13 dispute exists as to coverage, liability or damages, any insurer writing  
14 workers' compensation insurance in this state who fails to pay a claim  
15 or request within the time periods set forth in subsection (a) of this  
16 section shall pay the health care provider the amount of such claim

17 plus interest at the rate of fifteen per cent per annum, in addition to  
18 any other penalties that may be imposed pursuant to chapter 568 of the  
19 general statutes.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To facilitate speedier payment of medical bills by workers' compensation insurance carriers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*