



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 5491

Offered by:

SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

To: Senate Bill No. 1196

File No. 320

Cal. No. 248

**"AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR LATE WORKERS'
COMPENSATION PAYMENTS."**

1 After line 111, insert the following:

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

14 (b) Unless the Insurance Commissioner determines that a legitimate
15 dispute exists as to coverage, liability or damages, any insurer writing

16 workers' compensation insurance in this state who fails to pay a claim
17 or request within the time periods set forth in subsection (a) of this
18 section shall pay the health care provider the amount of such claim
19 plus interest at the rate of fifteen per cent per annum, in addition to
20 any other penalties that may be imposed pursuant to chapter 568 of the
21 general statutes."