



General Assembly

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Amendment

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Offered by:

SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1008

File No. 62

Cal. No. 110

**"AN ACT REQUIRING DIRECT PAYMENT OF PRESCRIPTION
MEDICATION FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS."**

1 After line 50, insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 section accordingly:

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

15 (b) Unless the Insurance Commissioner determines that a legitimate

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