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Senate Bill No. 130

Senate, March 18, 2004

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME PERIOD FOR CERTAIN WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-303 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Payments agreed to under a voluntary agreement shall commence
4 on or before the [tenth] twentieth day from the date of agreement.
5 Payments due under an award shall commence on or before the [tenth]
6 twentieth day from the date of such award. Payments due from the
7 Second Injury Fund shall be payable on or before the [tenth] twentieth
8 business day after receipt of a fully executed agreement. Any employer
9 who fails to pay within the prescribed time limitations of this section
10 shall pay a penalty for each late payment, in the amount of twenty per
11 cent of such payment, in addition to any other interest or penalty
12 imposed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Workers' Compensation Com.	WCF - None	None	None
Treasurer	SIF - None	None	None

Note: WCF=Workers' Compensation Fund; SIF=Second Injury Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which extends from ten to twenty days the maximum amount of time employers have to make certain workers' compensation payments to injured workers, has no fiscal impact on the Workers' Compensation Commission or the state's Second Injury Fund.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 130

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME PERIOD FOR CERTAIN WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill extends, from 10 to 20 days, the maximum amount of time employers have to make worker's compensation payments to injured employees:

1. under a workers' compensation commissioner's award,
2. under a voluntary agreement on compensation between an employer and injured employee, or
3. from the Second Injury Fund (the state run fund that pays or contributes to benefits for certain workers with preexisting conditions).

As under current law, an employer who does not begin to pay by the required date is charged a penalty for each late payment of 20% of the payment as well as any other interest or penalty imposed.

By law, parties have 20 days to appeal a commissioner's award to the Compensation Review Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 39 Nay 0