



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 427**

LCO No. 4649



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AWARDS AND ATTORNEY FEES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) The Labor Commissioner, in  
2 consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, shall conduct a study  
3 regarding the payment of workers' compensation benefits when such  
4 benefits result from a contested claim that is resolved in favor of the  
5 claimant. Such study shall explore topics that may include, but not be  
6 limited to, (1) the mechanism for providing reimbursement to the  
7 insurance company that paid such benefits, (2) the timeframe that such  
8 reimbursement is provided to such insurance company, and (3) the  
9 amount of attorney's fees assessed to all parties pursuant to a contested  
10 claim for workers' compensation benefits.

11 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Labor Commissioner shall  
12 submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
13 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
14 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and insurance. Such  
15 report shall include, but not be limited to, (1) an overview of the topics  
16 described in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this

17 section, and (2) any recommendations for any administrative or  
18 legislative action necessary to improve the process regarding the  
19 payment of workers' compensation benefits when such benefits result  
20 from a contested claim that is resolved in favor of the claimant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Labor Commissioner, in consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, to conduct a study regarding the payment of workers' compensation benefits when such benefits result from a contested claim that is resolved in favor of the claimant.

*[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.]*

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