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BILL NUMBER: sHB 5073
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AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE RATE OF INTEREST APPLICABLE FOR FAILURE TO PAY WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Labor and Public Employees

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sHB 5073

STATE IMPACT	Potential Minimal Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Minimal Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Administrative Services, Various State Agencies

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: The passage of this bill could result in additional minimal costs to the State and various municipalities. The bill raises the annual interest rate from 6% to 10% for late payments of specific indemnity workers' compensation benefits for permanent disabilities listed in the statutes (scheduled injuries). It also extends the higher interest penalty to cover late payments of indemnity benefits for permanent disabilities not listed in the statutes (unscheduled injuries). The state and various municipalities have indicated that they are rarely late in providing these workers' compensation payments. Therefore the increase in interest penalties would have a minimal impact.