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AMENDMENTS: Senate "A" - "D"
House "B"

Passed

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTATION OF CERTAIN WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS."

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 2013

STATE IMPACT	Cost (Not General Fund), and Revenue Loss, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Savings, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Various State Agencies

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: The passage of this bill as amended would result in costs to two non-General Fund accounts and a revenue loss to the General Fund estimated at between \$250,000-\$300,000. The bill as amended would also result in savings to various municipalities of at least \$250,000. The original bill and its fiscal impact were eliminated and replaced by Senate Amendments "A" through "D" and House Amendment "B".

Senate Amendment "A" appropriates \$200,000 in Other Expenses to the Workers' Compensation Commission from the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund for FY 1992-93. The Workers' Compensation Administration Fund is financed through assessments on the business community. It also allows certain towns which had budget submissions on or before 12/31/92 to follow "old" teacher negotiation timelines rather than follow "new" timelines established under several 1992 Acts. This results in minimal municipal savings due to lessened administrative burdens.

Senate Amendment "B" enables the Commission on Victim Services to pay for direct services to victims and related administrative and fixed costs from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. This is financed through various court fines. In addition, the amendment appropriates \$2,000,000 to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund for FY 1992-93. This is the estimated revenue gain to the Fund in FY 1992-93.

Senate Amendment "C" specifies that water companies may not require the installation of a reduced pressure principal backflow preventer on any line used to supply a residential lawn sprinkler system unless such line provides for the addition of chemicals. This has no fiscal impact on the State or its municipalities.

Senate Amendment "D" eliminates the original bill and its fiscal impact, and grants authority to the Westerly Water Works of Rhode Island to supply water to the Town of North Stonington and its inhabitants. It authorizes this corporation to conduct public works projects. This has no fiscal impact on the State or its municipalities.

House Amendment "B" eliminates the increase in State charges to municipalities for costs of the Resident State Trooper program which would have increased the rate charged from 70% to 75% effective 7/1/92. This results in a \$250,000 revenue loss to the State and equal savings to various municipalities beginning in FY 1992-93.

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