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Overview

At the recommendation of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, this act makes two changes to workers' compensation law, effective August 1, 2006.

- Notice of coverage. Current law requires workers' compensation insurers to give 60-days notice of cancellation of a policy. This section permits workers' compensation insurers to give 30-days notice of cancellation of a policy *for nonpayment of a premium*.
- Service and filing of notice. Allows filings of a notice of workers' compensation appeals via facsimile. Specifies that filings may only be made by facsimile if they are less than or equal to 15 pages in length. Specifies that the Office of Administrative Hearings must receive the required filing fee within ten days after the end of the appeal period, or the appeal is not timely filed.