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Section

- Occupational disease. Specifies that for the purposes of workers' compensation reinsurance association losses and retention limits, one or more compensable mental impairment claims arising out of a single event or occurrence, constitutes a single loss occurrence.
- Payment to fund. Makes adjustment to calendar year references and changes "premium surcharge" to "policyholder surcharge." Directs that if the current calendar year earned standard premium is not available, the commissioner shall estimate the portion of the total assessment allocated to insured employers using the earned standard workers' compensation premium from the preceding calendar year with a reconciliation and final determination by the commissioner when the current year information is available, but no later than December 1 of the following calendar year.
- **Refunds.** Updates language to incorporate reference to reconciliation and determination under previous section.
- **Medical bills and records.** Specifies references for medical services provided on or after October 1, 2014.
- 5 **Relative value fee schedule.** Deletes obsolete language.
- **Initial report, written report.** Deletes reference to "telegraph."
- **Settlement and pretrial conferences; summary decision.** Removes reference to section deleted in repealer.
- 8 Repealers.