

Subject Workers' compensation

Authors Sundin and Albright

Analyst Ben Weeks

Date March 13, 2019

Overview

All provisions in this bill were approved by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, a group created by statute comprising six members from organized labor and six from business. The WCAC reviews and recommends changes to Minnesota workers' compensation laws.

Minnesota Statutes, section 176.1812 allows an employer, or groups of employers, and unions to bargain for certain obligations and procedures relating to workers' compensation. Examples include: an agreement on a list of approved medical providers, creation of an alternative dispute resolution system, and creation of a light duty or modified job program.

The Union Construction Workers' Compensation Program (UCWCP) administers one such program for a group of employers and unions who have bargained for these obligations and procedures.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Filing and review [sec. 176.1812, subd. 2] Provides that the department of labor and industry is not required to approve entry of a new employer into the UCWCP; the employer need only notify the department within 30 days of joining or leaving the UCWCP. Requires the UCWCP to submit claim-specific dispute resolution data, rather than aggregate group data, to the department.
2	Time limitation [sec. 176.231, subd. 1] Requires insurers and self-insured employers to report that a claim covered by the UWCWP at the same time that they submit a first report of injury to the department of labor and industry.



**MN HOUSE
RESEARCH**

Minnesota House Research Department provides nonpartisan legislative, legal, and information services to the Minnesota House of Representatives. This document can be made available in alternative formats.

www.house.mn/hrd | 651-296-6753 | 600 State Office Building | St. Paul, MN 55155