
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, when it enacted Act
2 11, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, the implementation of
3 that Act had the unintended consequence of prolonging certain
4 actions required to be performed. For example, with the
5 adoption of the department of labor and industrial relations'
6 definition of the term "day" or "days" under section 1 of Act
7 11, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, the law now defines
8 that term to mean working days, as opposed to calendar days.
9 For injured workers waiting for payment of a claim or a decision
10 on a contested claim, the switch from calendar days to business
11 days often unnecessarily prolongs the workers' compensation
12 process, and in some cases, requires the injured employee to
13 wait longer prior to receiving treatment for a work-related
14 injury.

15 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the definition of the
16 term "day" or "days" in the State's workers' compensation law.

17 SECTION 2. Section 386-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by repealing the definition of "day" or "days".



1 [~~"Day" or "days" means working days, unless otherwise~~
2 ~~provided."~~]

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Definition

Description:

Repeals the definition of "day or days" under the State's workers' compensation law. (HB2211 HD1)

