
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 Act 11, Special
7 Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, the law now defines that term to
8 mean working days, as opposed to calendar days. For injured
9 workers waiting for payment of a claim or a decision on a
10 contested claim, the switch from calendar days to business days
11 often unnecessarily prolongs the workers' compensation process,
12 and in some cases, requires the injured employee to wait longer
13 prior to receiving treatment for a work-related injury.

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

16 SECTION 2. Section 386-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by repealing the definition of "'day" or "days"'.
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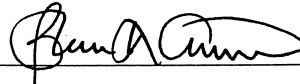
1 [~~"Day" or "days" means working days, unless otherwise~~
2 ~~provided.~~"]

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Definition

Description:

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

