



LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT



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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY—LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

This report includes descriptions and/or excerpts of relevant bills that passed the first chamber, passed the second chamber, or were enacted during the specific periods. In addition, a recap of significant legislative and judicial activity impacting the workers compensation system is included in the first report published each month. This report is issued on a weekly basis throughout the legislative season and provides updates on the content of these bills if and when they progress through the legislative process. This report covers bills from states where NCCI provides ratemaking services (see state list under Contact Information) and the US Congress.

BILLS ENACTED

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills enacted within the one-week period ending January 19, 2018.

BILLS PASSING SECOND CHAMBER

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills that passed the second chamber within the one-week period ending January 19, 2018.

BILLS PASSING FIRST CHAMBER

The following workers compensation-related bill passed the first chamber within the one-week period ending January 19, 2018.

South Dakota

SB 20 adds a new section to **chapter 48A Emergency Management of title 34 Public Health and Safety** of the South Dakota Codified Laws, in part, to read: The State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding is hereby enacted into law and entered into by the State of South Dakota with all other states legally joining the agreement, in the form substantially as follows:

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE AND AUTHORITIES

The State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as the compact, is made and entered into by and among such of the jurisdictions as shall enact or adopt this compact, hereinafter referred to as participating jurisdictions. For the purposes of this compact, the term, jurisdictions, may include any or all of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, New York, and Wisconsin, and the Canadian Provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan, and such other states and provinces as may hereafter become a party to this compact. The term, states, means the several states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and all territorial possessions of the United States. The term, province, means the ten political units of government within Canada.

The purpose of this compact is to provide for the possibility of mutual assistance among the participating jurisdictions in managing any emergency or disaster when the affected jurisdiction or jurisdictions ask for assistance, whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, manmade disaster, or civil emergency aspects of resource shortages. This compact also provides for the process of planning mechanisms among the agencies responsible and for mutual cooperation, including civil emergency preparedness exercises, testing, or other training activities using equipment and personnel simulating performance of any aspect of the giving and receiving of aid by participating jurisdictions or subdivisions of participating jurisdictions during emergencies, with such actions occurring outside emergency periods.

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ARTICLE VIII – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION AND DEATH BENEFITS

Each participating jurisdiction shall provide, in accordance with its own laws, for the payment of workers' compensation and death benefits to injured members of the emergency contingent of that participating jurisdiction and to representatives of deceased members of those forces if the members sustain injuries or are killed while rendering aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within their own jurisdiction.

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Contact Information

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