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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

The following workers compensation-related bill was enacted within the one-week period ending August 17, 2018.

Alaska

HB 126 was:

- Passed by the first chamber on April 9, 2017
- Included in NCCI's April 21, 2017 **Legislative Activity Report** (RLA-2017-15)
- Passed by the second chamber on April 27, 2018
- Included in NCCI's May 4, 2018 **Legislative Activity Report** (RLA-2018-18)
- Enacted on August 13, 2018, with an effective date of November 11, 2018

HB 126 adds new **section 23.30.236. Members of the organized militia as employees** to the Alaska Workers Compensation Act to read:

Sec. 23.30.236. Members of the organized militia as employees.

(a) A member of the organized militia who has been ordered into active state service by the governor under AS 26.05.070 or ordered into training under AS 26.05.100, and who suffers an injury, disability, or death in the line of duty, is an employee of the state for purposes of this chapter.

(b) The gross weekly earnings for members of the organized militia are calculated using the methods prescribed under AS 26.05.260(h).

HB 126 also amends **section 26.05.260. Pay and allowances** of the Military Code of Alaska as follows:

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(d) A member of the organized militia who, while performing duties under AS 26.05.070 or training under AS 26.05.100, including transit to and from the member's home of record, suffers an injury or disability in the line of duty is entitled to all compensation and benefits available under AS 23.30 (Alaska Workers' Compensation Act). For a member of the Alaska State Defense Force, compensation and benefits under this subsection are provided as though the member were a state employee. A member of the organized militia who has not been ordered into active state service by the governor under AS 26.05.070 or ordered into training under AS 26.05.100 is not entitled to compensation and benefits under AS 23.30 (Alaska Workers' Compensation Act).

(e) If a member of the organized militia dies as a result of an injury or disability suffered in the line of duty while performing duties under AS 26.05.070 or training under AS 26.05.100, including transit to and from the member's home of record, death benefits shall be paid to the persons in the amounts specified in AS 23.30.215. For a member of the Alaska State Defense Force, the death benefits under this subsection are provided as though the member were a state employee. A person is not entitled to death benefits as specified in AS 23.30.215 for a member of the organized militia who dies as a result of an injury or disability suffered in the line of duty but who had not been ordered into active state service by the governor under AS 26.05.070 or ordered into training under AS 26.05.100.

BILLS PASSING SECOND CHAMBER

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills that passed the second chamber within the one-week period ending August 17, 2018.

BILLS PASSING FIRST CHAMBER

There were no relevant workers compensation-related bills that passed the first chamber within the one-week period ending August 17, 2018.

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