
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5341

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By Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Conway, Kohl-Welles, and Kline)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to notice to injured workers by self-insured
2 employers; adding new sections to chapter 51.14 RCW; and prescribing
3 penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.14 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) When issuing payments of temporary disability benefits as
8 provided in RCW 51.32.090, the self-insurer shall provide notice to the
9 injured worker of the specific purpose of the payment and the time
10 period for which the payment covers.

11 (2) The insurer must provide an explanation to the injured worker
12 or beneficiary when the benefit amount or time period covered changes.

13 (3) Failure of a self-insurer to comply with this section subjects
14 the self-insurer to a penalty under RCW 51.48.080. The director shall
15 issue an order determining whether a violation has occurred within
16 thirty days of a request by an injured worker.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 51.14 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 Failure of a self-insurer to comply with RCW 51.36.085 subjects the
2 self-insurer to a penalty under RCW 51.48.080. The director shall
3 issue an order determining whether a violation has occurred when
4 requested by an injured worker.

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