
SENATE BILL 6373

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By Senators King, Braun, and Schoesler

1 AN ACT Relating to allowing self-insurers to accept certain
2 industrial insurance claims; and amending RCW 51.14.130.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.14.130 and 1993 c 122 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) For any industrial insurance claim for which the worker may
7 be entitled to benefits other than medical treatment only, when a
8 self-insurer has determined to allow an industrial insurance claim,
9 the self-insurer must issue an order allowing the claim to the
10 injured worker, attending medical provider, and the department within
11 sixty days from the date that the claim is filed. The order of the
12 self-insurer must be issued consistent with rules adopted by the
13 department.

14 (2) The self-insurer (~~shall~~) must request (~~allowance or~~)
15 denial of a claim within sixty days from the date that the claim is
16 filed.

17 (3) If the self-insurer fails to act within sixty days from the
18 date that the claim is filed, the department (~~shall~~) must promptly
19 intervene and adjudicate the claim.

20 (4) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
21 section, including the:

1 (a) Form of orders allowing industrial insurance claims
2 consistent with the standards followed by the department; and
3 (b) Process for a self-insurer to request and obtain an
4 interlocutory order from the department allowing the self-insurer
5 additional time to investigate the validity of a claim.

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