

HOUSE BILL NO. 5184

October 30, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Wilson, Weiss, Breen, Rheingans, Arbit, T. Carter, Pohutsky, Brixie, Xiong, Conlin, MacDonell, Mentzer, Price, B. Carter, Miller, Dievendorf, Paiz, Morgan, McFall, Longjohn, Hope, Andrews, Tsernoglou, Young, Byrnes, Hoskins, Skaggs, Myers-Phillips and McKinney and referred to Committee on Economic Competitiveness.

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled
"Worker's disability compensation act of 1969,"
by amending section 801 (MCL 418.801), as amended by 2011 PA 266.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 801. (1) Compensation ~~shall~~**must** be paid promptly and
2 directly to the person entitled ~~thereto~~**to the compensation** and
3 ~~shall become~~**becomes** due and payable on the fourteenth day after
4 the employer has notice or knowledge of the disability or death, on
5 which date all compensation then accrued ~~shall~~**must** be paid.

1 Thereafter, compensation ~~shall~~**must** be paid in weekly installments.
 2 Every carrier shall keep a record of all payments made under this
 3 act and of the time and manner of making the payments and shall
 4 furnish reports, based ~~upon~~**on** these records, to the agency as the
 5 director may reasonably require.

6 (2) If weekly compensation benefits, ~~or~~ accrued weekly
 7 benefits, **or compensation owed in accordance with a final**
 8 **redemption order** are not paid within ~~30~~**14** days after becoming due
 9 and payable and there is not an ongoing **bona fide** dispute, ~~\$50.00~~
 10 **\$100.00** per day ~~shall~~**must** be added and paid to the worker for each
 11 day over ~~30~~**14** days in which the benefits are not paid. Not more
 12 than ~~\$1,500.00~~**\$25,000.00** in total may be added ~~pursuant to~~**under**
 13 this subsection.

14 (3) If **a** medical ~~bills~~**bill** or ~~a~~ travel allowance is not paid
 15 within 30 days after the carrier ~~has received~~**receives** notice of
 16 nonpayment by certified mail and there is ~~no~~**not an** ongoing **bona**
 17 **fide** dispute, ~~\$50.00~~**\$100.00** or the amount of the bill due,
 18 whichever is less, ~~shall~~**must** be added and paid to the worker for
 19 each day over 30 days in which the medical ~~bills~~**bill** or travel
 20 allowance is not paid. Not more than ~~\$1,500.00~~**\$25,000.00** in total
 21 may be added ~~pursuant to~~**under** this subsection.

22 (4) For purposes of rate-making, daily charges paid under
 23 subsection (2) ~~shall~~**do** not constitute elements of loss.

24 (5) An employer ~~who~~**that** has notice or knowledge of the
 25 disability or death and fails to give notice to the carrier shall
 26 pay the penalty provided ~~for in~~**under** subsection (2) for the period
 27 during which the employer failed to notify the carrier.

28 (6) When weekly compensation is paid ~~pursuant to~~**in accordance**
 29 **with** an award of a worker's compensation magistrate, an arbitrator,

1 the board, the appellate commission, or a court, interest on the
2 compensation ~~shall~~ **must** be paid at a rate ~~calculated in the same~~
3 ~~manner as interest on a money judgment in a civil action under~~
4 ~~section 6013(8) of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236,~~
5 ~~MCL 600.6013.~~ **of 10% per annum from the date each payment was due,**
6 **until the compensation is paid.**

7 ~~(7) By April 1, 2012, the director of the worker's~~
8 ~~compensation agency shall coordinate with the department of~~
9 ~~technology, management, and budget on the development of~~
10 ~~comprehensive data and shall file with the secretary of the senate~~
11 ~~and the clerk of the house of representatives a report making~~
12 ~~recommendations to the legislature on a system utilizing advanced~~
13 ~~analytics for the detection and prevention of fraud, waste, and~~
14 ~~abuse in the worker's compensation system. Additionally, the~~
15 ~~director shall include information on the number of cases filed,~~
16 ~~and the number of employees who had benefits reduced as a result of~~
17 ~~a determination of their wage earning capacity.~~