1 **State of Arkansas**

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4 **By: Representative Lipton**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

8 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND

9 COMMERCE TO MAKE A STUDY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATES IN

10 ARKANSAS TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AVOID

11 CONTINUATION OF THE UNPRECEDENTED INCREASES IN SUCH RATES.

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13 WHEREAS, workers' compensation insurance rates have increased at a

14 phenomenal rate in the last few years; and

15 WHEREAS, the exceptionally high rates on workers' compensation insurance

16 in certain industries such as the timber and logging industry have placed an

17 almost unbearable burden on the industry; and

18 WHEREAS, it is essential to the future industrial growth and development

19 of the state that appropriate action be taken to assure reasonable workers'

20 compensation insurance rates in the future,

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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL

24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 The Joint Interim Committee on Insurance and Commerce is requested to

27 make an in-depth study of the workers' compensation insurance rate structure

28 in Arkansas and other selected states to determine appropriate action to take

29 to assure reasonable workers' compensation insurance rates for various

30 industries and businesses in the state.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arkansas Department of Insurance, the

32 Workers' Compensation Commission and staff, and other appropriate agencies are

33 urged to cooperate with and assist the committee in conducting the study

34 provided for herein.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is requested to initiate the

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1 study as soon as is practical after adjournment of the 1991 regular session of

2 the General Assembly, and to report its findings and recommendations at the

3 earliest practical date.

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