

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1079

5 By: Representative Verkamp  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW PARTIES TO A JOINT PETITION FOR  
10 FINAL SETTLEMENT IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES  
11 TO WAIVE A HEARING ON THE PETITION; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT IN  
16 WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES TO WAIVE A  
17 HEARING ON THE PETITION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-805(a), concerning joint petitions for  
24 final settlement in workers' compensation cases, is amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 (a)(1) If any party is not represented by counsel, Upon upon petition  
27 filed by the employer or carrier and the injured employee requesting that a  
28 final settlement be had between the parties, the Workers' Compensation  
29 Commission shall hear the petition and take testimony and make investigations  
30 as may be necessary to determine whether a final settlement should be had.

31 (2) If all parties to the joint petition for final settlement  
32 are represented by counsel, the parties may waive any hearing on the petition  
33 before the Workers' Compensation Commission.  
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