

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2250

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5 By: Representative Haak  
6 By: Senator Horn

## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ANNUALLY INCREASE WEEKLY BENEFITS FOR  
11 DEATH OR PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY UNDER  
12 WORKERS' COMPENSATION BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS  
13 THE STATE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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18 DISABILITY UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
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20 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-501, concerning limitations on  
27 weekly benefits for death and disability under Workers' Compensation, is  
28 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

29 (f)(1) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection, the  
30 limitations on death or permanent total disability weekly benefits paid by  
31 the employer or its insurance carrier to any person under this section shall  
32 be proportionately increased by the same percentage as the percentage of  
33 increase in the state average weekly wage each January 1st, not to exceed  
34 five percent (5%).

35 (2) In the event that there is a decrease in the state average  
36 weekly wage, the weekly benefit rate shall remain unchanged.



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