

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**

A Bill

ACT 129 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1146

4 **By: Representatives M. Wilson and Pollan**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. § 11-9-501(b)(4) TO CHANGE
9 THE EFFECTIVE DATES FOR ALLOWING INCREASED WORKERS'
10 COMPENSATION BENEFITS DUE TO AN OVERALL WORKERS'
11 COMPENSATION INSURANCE RATE DECREASE FOR THE STATE; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE EFFECTIVE DATES FOR
16 ALLOWING INCREASED WORKERS' COMPENSATION
17 BENEFITS DUE TO A WORKERS' COMPENSATION
18 INSURANCE RATE DECREASE."

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(b)(4) is hereby amended to read as
23 follows:

24 "(4) For a disability or death which results from an injury occurring
25 during a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 1996, the maximum
26 weekly benefit payable shall be eighty-five percent (85%) of the state average
27 weekly wage if, and only if, the Insurance Commissioner certifies to the
28 Workers' Compensation Commission during December, 1995, that the overall
29 workers' compensation insurance rates for Arkansas have decreased by at least
30 ten percent (10%) subsequent to July 1, 1993;"

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32 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
33 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
34 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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36 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
7 hereby repealed.

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