

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

4 **By: Representatives Landers, Newman and Beatty**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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"AN ACT TO CREATE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAFETY

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE."

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

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13 SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby created a committee to be known as the  
14 Workers' Compensation Safety Advisory Committee, consisting of three (3)  
15 members. The Governor shall appoint the members of the Committee, one (1) for  
16 a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of four (4) years, and one (1) for  
17 a term of six (6) years. Upon the expiration of each term as above set forth,  
18 the Governor shall appoint a successor for a term of six (6) years, and  
19 thereafter the term of office of each committee member shall be for six (6)  
20 years. One (1) member shall be a person, who, on account of his previous  
21 vocation, employment or affiliation, can be classed as a representative of  
22 employers, and who has had at least five (5) years of experience as an  
23 employer; one (1) member shall be a person who on account of his previous  
24 vocation, employment or affiliation can be classed as a representative of  
25 employees, and who has had at least five (5) years membership in a bona fide  
26 labor organization; the third member of the said Committee shall be a person  
27 who, on account of his background can be classed as a representative of the  
28 public and shall serve as Chairman of the Committee. The members shall serve  
29 at the call of the Chairman.

30 (b) Those members serving as representatives of employees and employers  
31 shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses. The Chairman  
32 of the Committee shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses  
33 related to his duties as Chairman.

34 (c) The Governor may, at any time, remove any member of the Committee.

35 (d) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991, the Workers'

1 Compensation Commission shall allocate two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)  
2 to a special project to be administered by the Workers' Compensation Safety  
3 Advisory Committee for the following purposes: identification of industries  
4 or jobs having a high incidence of injuries; determination of the cause(s) of  
5 injuries of which there is a high incidence; and to allocate funds in such  
6 manner as determined by the Committee to best provide advisory services to  
7 employers and employees in an effort to reduce such injuries. The Committee  
8 may enter into contracts with either private or governmental sources. For  
9 each succeeding fiscal year, the Commission shall allocate the amount of two  
10 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the described use by the Committee.

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12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 11-9-507 is hereby repealed.

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14 SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature  
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to  
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
20 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without  
21 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
22 Act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are  
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