

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2148

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5 By: Representative Wilson

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE WORKERS COMPENSATION LAW TO REQUIRE  
10 THE WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO AWARD ATTORNEYS  
11 FEES TO AN EMPLOYEE WHEN HE IS SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTED BY  
12 AN ATTORNEY BEFORE THE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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16 REQUIRE THE WORKERS COMPENSATION  
17 COMMISSION TO AWARD ATTORNEYS FEES TO AN  
18 EMPLOYEE WHEN HE IS SUCCESSFULLY  
19 REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY BEFORE THE  
20 COMMISSION."

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 11-9-716 is amended by inserting an additional  
26 subsection at the end thereof to read as follows:

27 "(d) When any employee is successfully represented by an attorney  
28 before the Workers Compensation Commission, the commission shall award a  
29 reasonable attorneys fee to the employee.

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

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35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
3 act are declared to be severable.

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6 hereby repealed.

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