

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 1174

5 By: Representative Verkamp
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND A PORTION OF ARKANSAS CODE
10 RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948 TO ALLOW
11 PARTIES TO A FINAL SETTLEMENT IN WORKERS'
12 COMPENSATION CASES TO WAIVE A HEARING ON THE
13 PETITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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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 § 11-9-805(a), concerning joint petitions for
26 final settlement in workers' compensation cases, resulting from Initiated Act
27 4 of 1948, is amended to read as follows:

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

33 (2) If all parties to the final settlement are represented by
34 counsel, the parties may waive any settlement petition or hearing before the
35 Workers' Compensation Commission.

36 /s/ Verkamp

