

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 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1174

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5 By: Representative Verkamp  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND A PORTION OF ARKANSAS CODE  
10 RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948 TO ALLOW  
11 PARTIES TO A JOINT PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT  
12 IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES TO WAIVE A HEARING  
13 ON THE PETITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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20 COMPENSATION CASES TO WAIVE A HEARING ON  
21 THE PETITION.  
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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 § 11-9-805(a), concerning joint petitions for  
27 final settlement in workers' compensation cases, resulting from Initiated Act  
28 4 of 1948, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

