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HOUSE BILL No. 4754

April 1, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Jackson and referred to the Committee on Labor.

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled "Worker's disability compensation act of 1969," (MCL 418.101 to 418.941) by adding section 352a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 352A. (1) AN EMPLOYEE RECEIVING OR ENTITLED TO RECEIVE
- 2 BENEFITS UNDER SECTION 351 OR THE DEPENDENT OF A DECEASED EMPLOYEE
 - RECEIVING OR ENTITLED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER SECTION 321 WHOSE
- 4 BENEFITS ARE BASED ON A DATE OF PERSONAL INJURY AFTER DECEMBER 31,
- 5 1979 IS ENTITLED TO A SUPPLEMENT TO WEEKLY COMPENSATION. THE
- 6 SUPPLEMENT SHALL BE COMPUTED USING THE TOTAL ANNUAL PERCENTAGE
- 7 CHANGE IN THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE INDEX OF CONSUMER PRICES AVAILABLE
- 8 FOR THIS STATE FROM THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE UNITED
- 9 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. THE SUPPLEMENT SHALL BE COMPUTED AS A
- 10 PERCENTAGE OF THE WEEKLY COMPENSATION RATE THAT THE EMPLOYEE OR THE

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- 1 DEPENDENT OF A DECEASED EMPLOYEE IS RECEIVING OR IS ENTITLED TO
- 2 RECEIVE ON THE LATER OF THE DATE OF INJURY OR JANUARY 1, 2010,
- 3 ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR. THE SUPPLEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED 5%
- 4 COMPOUNDED FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR DURING THE PERIOD THE EMPLOYEE OR
- 5 DEPENDENT OF A DECEASED EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO BENEFITS UNDER THIS
- 6 ACT. A SUPPLEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT DUE AND SHALL NOT BE
- 7 PAID RETROACTIVELY FOR ANY PERIOD OF DISABILITY BEFORE JANUARY 1,
- 8 2010.
- 9 (2) ON DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2010, THE DIRECTOR
- 10 SHALL ANNOUNCE THE SUPPLEMENT PERCENTAGES PAYABLE DURING THE NEXT
- 11 CALENDAR YEAR.
- 12 (3) EXCEPT AS TO THOSE INJURIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
- 13 SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION UNDER SECTION 352, ALL PERSONAL INJURIES
- 14 FOR WHICH COMPENSATION IS PAYABLE AS WEEKLY COMPENSATION UNDER THIS
- 15 ACT SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE DETERMINED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- 16 (4) AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE DIFFERENTIAL
- 17 BENEFITS FROM THE SECOND INJURY FUND SHALL BE PAID THE SUPPLEMENT
- 18 UNDER THIS SECTION AS REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE DIFFERENTIAL
- 19 PAYMENTS BEING MADE TO THE EMPLOYEE BY THE SECOND INJURY FUND AT
- 20 THE TIME OF THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 21 (5) THE SUPPLEMENT PAID UNDER THIS SECTION, WHEN ADDED TO THE
- 22 ORIGINAL BENEFIT, SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY RATE OF
- 23 COMPENSATION PROVIDED IN SECTION 355 IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF THE
- 24 ADJUSTMENT.
- 25 (6) AN EMPLOYEE IS NOT ENTITLED TO SUPPLEMENTS UNDER THIS
- 26 SECTION FOR A PERSONAL INJURY FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY HAS BEEN
- 27 REDEEMED.

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- 1 (7) THE SUPPLEMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID BY AN
- 2 INSURER OR SELF-INSURER ON A WEEKLY BASIS.