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RHODE ISLAND WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT
2006 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention the significant changes made during the 2006 legislative session that impact workers' compensation and/or the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Act. This may not be a complete report of all legislation passed in 2006 regarding workers' compensation.

2006 -- S 2912 Substitute A As Amended

Workers' Compensation Act:

28-33-17 Weekly compensation for total incapacity -- Permanent total disability -- Dependents' allowances. – For injuries on or after September 1, 2007, the maximum rate of compensation for total disability is 115% of the state average weekly wage.

28-33-17(7) – Limits state employee entitlement to health benefits while totally incapacitated.

28-33-18.3 Continuation of benefits – Partial incapacity. -- (a) Changes the date from July 1, 2005, to July 1, 2007, as it relates to the date of injury in association with the definition of material hindrance and the 312-week partial limitation.

ALL OF THE ABOVE TAKE EFFECT AS OF JULY 14, 2006