

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 200 - HB 194

February 21, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from five to seven years, the minimum amount of experience that the Administrator of the Division of Workers' Compensation must have in the field of workers' compensation. Requires claims for compensation be heard by a workers' compensation specialist rather than the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee. Decreases, from 90 to 75 days, the amount of time a claimant has to file a claim with the Claims Commission in the event an agreement cannot be reached at a benefit review conference. Increases, from 30 to 45 days, the amount of time following cessation of participation in the Second Injury Fund that a legal or administrative entity may elect to assume complete liability for a claim. Increases, from 30 to 45 days, the amount of time prior to an occurrence of any injury or death that a sole proprietor or partner must have filed written notice to be considered an employee. Increases, from 30 to 45 days, the amount of time after a first manifestation of an occupational disease that an employee is required to give written notice to the employer.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Changing the required experience level of the Administrator of the Division of Workers' Compensation will not have a significant fiscal impact on state government.
- Changing the timing of certain requirements related to workers' compensation claims will not have a significant fiscal impact on state or local government.
- Requiring a workers' compensation specialist instead of the Commissioner's designee to hear claims will not have an impact on the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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