

SENATE BILL NO. 292—SENATOR SCHNEIDER

MARCH 14, 2003

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to appoint subcommittee to study impacts of recent privatization of industrial insurance program. (BDR S-784)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to industrial insurance; directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a subcommittee to study the impacts of the recent privatization of the industrial insurance program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a
2 subcommittee consisting of six Legislators to conduct an interim
3 study of the impact of the recent privatization of the industrial
4 insurance program on injured workers, employers and insurers. The
5 Legislative Commission shall appoint to the subcommittee three
6 members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly who are
7 acquainted with the statutory program for industrial insurance in this
8 state.
- 9 2. The study must include, without limitation:
- 10 (a) An examination of the procedures for resolving contested
11 industrial insurance claims filed by injured workers, the costs to
12 injured workers, employers and insurers in litigating such claims,
13 and the timeliness of resolving such claims;
- 14 (b) Consideration of whether it is appropriate to reimburse
15 injured workers for time off of work when they are receiving



1 medical treatment for compensable industrial injuries or illnesses,
2 including the cost of such reimbursement to employers and insurers
3 and the impacts on injured workers of not making such
4 reimbursement; and

5 (c) A review of any other issues or subjects concerning the
6 impacts of the recent privatization of the industrial insurance
7 program on injured workers, employers and insurers.

8 3. In conducting the study, the subcommittee shall seek
9 information and suggestions from various representatives of injured
10 workers, employers and insurers and from experts in the area of
11 industrial insurance.

12 4. Any recommended legislation proposed by the
13 subcommittee must be approved by a majority of the members of
14 the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly who are
15 appointed to the subcommittee.

16 5. The Legislative Commission shall submit a report of the
17 results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the
18 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

19 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

