



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

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(S. Commerce and Labor)

Revises the proposed reasons for which the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) may summarily suspend the certification of a provider to participate in the Health Partnership Program (HPP) in the House-passed version of the bill with respect to the provider's professional license, certification, or registration being suspended or revoked or the provider presenting a danger of immediate and serious harm to claimants (rather than a danger to claimants' health and safety as in the House-passed version).

Exempts hospitals from the House-passed summary suspension procedure.

Allows, rather than prohibits as in the House-passed version, a court to stay an order of summary suspension pending an appeal under certain circumstances.

Provides that a summary suspension does not affect a provider's ability to receive payment for services rendered prior the suspension's effective date.

Removes a proposed requirement in the House-passed version of the bill under which the Administrator of Workers' Compensation was required to provide each nonbase-rated employer with a mathematical equation explaining the calculation of the employer's premium rate.

Specifies that sharing a record of a BWC peer review committee responsible for reviewing the professional qualifications and performances of HPP certified providers with a governmental agency does not affect the confidentiality of the record.

Conforms the House-passed version's transition schedule for public employers to recognize the continuing law policy year for public employers (January 1 – December 31) and to reflect the first transition period (the policy year commencing January 1, 2015).

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Adjusts the bill's timing of Disabled Worker Relief Fund assessments for public employers to reflect the fact that public employers switch to prospective payment of premiums in 2016, rather than 2015.

Requires the Administrator to work with self-insuring professional employer organizations (PEO) and other stakeholders to address the issue of the appropriate experience rating to assign a client employer that leaves such a PEO to obtain coverage through the State Insurance fund and requires the Administrator to prepare and submit a report of findings to the General Assembly by December 31, 2014.

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