MINUTES OF THE FLOOR MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

Eightieth Session June 3, 2019

The Committee on Commerce and Labor was called to order by Chair Ellen B. Spiegel at 1:50 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019, behind the bar of the Assembly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Ellen B. Spiegel, Chair Assemblyman Jason Frierson, Vice Chair Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton Assemblyman Skip Daly Assemblyman Chris Edwards Assemblywoman Melissa Hardy Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui Assemblywoman Susie Martinez Assemblyman William McCurdy II Assemblywoman Dina Neal Assemblywoman Jill Tolles Assemblyman Steve Yeager

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman Al Kramer (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst Kelly Richard, Committee Policy Analyst Wil Keane, Committee Counsel Karen Easton, Committee Secretary Katelyn Malone, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Todd Ingalsbee, Legislative Representative, Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada



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Chair Spiegel:

[Roll was taken.] We will open the work session on Senate Bill 215 (2nd Reprint).

Senate Bill 215 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to occupational diseases. (BDR 53-317)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

[Read from (Exhibit C).] Senate Bill 215 (2nd Reprint) provides that disabling cancer is rebuttably presumed to be occupationally related and compensable if a firefighter, investigator of fires or arson, instructor or officer who provides training concerning fire or hazardous materials, or volunteer firefighter has served in such a capacity for five years or more before contracting the disease and demonstrates certain factors. The bill revises the list of substances that are deemed to be known carcinogens. Finally, the bill provides that a person who files a claim for a disabling cancer after retirement from employment as a firefighter, an investigator of fires or arson, or an instructor or officer who provides training concerning fire or hazardous material, is not entitled to compensation for that disease other than medical benefits under certain circumstances. There are no amendments to the bill.

Chair Spiegel:

Is there any discussion on the bill? [There was none.] I will entertain a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 215 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN DALY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN KRAMER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

We will close the work session on <u>Senate Bill 215 (2nd Reprint)</u> and open the work session on <u>Senate Bill 381 (2nd Reprint)</u>.

Senate Bill 381 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to workers' compensation. (BDR 53-1157)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

[Read from (Exhibit D).] Senate Bill 381 (2nd Reprint) establishes the substantive right of an injured employee who has a claim under the Nevada Industrial Insurance Act to choose a treating physician or chiropractor. The bill requires an insurer to include a certain number of physicians or chiropractors on its list from the panel of health care providers established and maintained by the administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry.

The bill prohibits involuntary removal of a physician or chiropractor from an insurers list, except under certain circumstances, and authorizes a physician or chiropractor to voluntarily

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be removed from such list. The bill provides that, except under certain circumstances, an injured employee may continue to receive treatment from a physician or chiropractor who has been removed from a list.

The bill requires the administrator to annually update the panel of physicians and chiropractors, and it authorizes an injured employee to receive treatment by more than one health care provider under certain circumstances. Finally, the bill authorizes an injured employee or his or her legal representative to request that the administrator select a rating physician or chiropractor. There are no amendments to the bill.

Chair Spiegel:

Is there any discussion on the bill? [There was none.] I will entertain a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 381 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN KRAMER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

We will close the work session on <u>Senate Bill 381 (2nd Reprint)</u>. Does anyone wish to provide public comment?

Todd Ingalsbee, Legislative Representative, Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada: The firefighters thank you.

Chair Spiegel: The meeting is adjourned [at 1:52 p.m.].	
	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
	Katelyn Malone
	Committee Secretary
APPROVED BY:	
Assemblywoman Ellen B. Spiegel, Chair	
DATE:	

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit A is the Agenda.

Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

<u>Exhibit C</u> is the Work Session Document for <u>Senate Bill 215 (2nd Reprint)</u>, presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Exhibit D is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 381 (2nd Reprint), presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.