
SENATE BILL 5302

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By Senator Heavey

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting premium liability of workers for
2 industrial insurance; and amending RCW 51.16.140.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.16.140 and 1989 c 385 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every employer who is not a self-insurer shall deduct from the
7 pay of each of his or her workers one-half of the amount he or she is
8 required to pay((~~τ~~)) for medical benefits within each risk
9 classification, except that for workers in the construction industry,
10 the amount deducted shall not be more than one-half of the amount that
11 the employer would be required to pay under the basic manual premium
12 rate established by the department for the applicable risk
13 classification. Such amount shall be periodically determined by the
14 director and reported by him or her to all employers under this title:
15 PROVIDED, That the state governmental unit shall pay the entire amount
16 into the medical aid fund for volunteers, as defined in RCW 51.12.035,
17 and the state apprenticeship council shall pay the entire amount into
18 the medical aid fund for registered apprentices or trainees, for the

1 purposes of RCW 51.12.130. The deduction under this section is not
2 authorized for premiums assessed under RCW 51.16.210.

3 (2) It shall be unlawful for the employer, unless specifically
4 authorized by this title, to deduct or obtain any part of the premium
5 or other costs required to be by him or her paid from the wages or
6 earnings of any of his or her workers, and the making of or attempt to
7 make any such deduction shall be a gross misdemeanor.

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