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5 On page 3, after line 22, insert the following:

6 "(8)(a) Self-insured employers and authorized claims administrators
7 have a duty of good faith and fair dealing towards claimants.
8 Violations of these good faith duties shall include, but not be limited
9 to: (i) Attempting to close a valid claim under this section that the
10 employer, or his or her representative, knew or should have known was
11 closed inappropriately; (ii) interfering with a worker's right to file
12 a claim under this title; or (iii) having a history or pattern of
13 repeated unfair claims practices. The department shall adopt rules on
14 unfair claims practices.

15 (b) A worker of a self-insured employer or beneficiary of such
16 worker who is injured or damaged because of a violation of this section
17 or violation of a rule adopted by the director under this title may
18 bring a civil action against a self-insured employer or authorized
19 claims administrator in superior court to enjoin further violations and
20 to recover reasonable damages sustained by him or her, together with
21 the cost of the suit including reasonable attorneys' fees to be set by
22 the court."

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