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1 AN ACT Relating to safety and health standards; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 49.17 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The director may adopt rules pursuant to RCW 49.17.040 to
7 provide safety and health standards for musculoskeletal disorders
8 caused by awkward postures, high hand force, repetitive motion,
9 repeated impacts, awkward lifting, vibration, or similar physical
10 tasks. However, the rules adopted by the department under this section
11 only apply to the following state agencies:

- 12 (a) Department of labor and industries;
13 (b) Department of general administration;
14 (c) Department of ecology;
15 (d) Department of transportation;
16 (e) Employment security department;
17 (f) Department of corrections; and
18 (g) Department of revenue.

1 (2) By December 31, 2003, the directors of each of the state
2 agencies listed in subsection (1) of this section shall report to the
3 legislature regarding:

4 (a) Ease of understanding and compliance with rules;

5 (b) Identification of ambiguities and difficulties encountered
6 during implementation of rules;

7 (c) Injury reduction, including comparison to injury rates for
8 years prior to the adoption of rules;

9 (d) Costs of compliance with rules, including direct and indirect
10 costs.

11 (3) In order to more accurately reflect private sector
12 circumstances, agencies shall use current appropriations to implement
13 rules.

14 (4) This section expires three years from the date of final
15 adoption of a rule.

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