

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 221

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

WORKERS COMPENSATION: Repeals the prohibition of the receipt of workers' compensation benefits while incarcerated

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 23:1201.4, relative to workers' compensation; to repeal the requirement that
3 benefits are forfeited while incarcerated.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 23:1201.4 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the prohibition on the receipt of workers' compensation benefits while incarcerated.

Present law requires a forfeiture of workers' comp benefits while incarcerated, except in certain circumstances.

Present law provides that if the incarcerated injured worker has a dependent who relies on the compensation for support, a workers' compensation judge may order that the benefits are paid to the dependent's guardian.

Present law allows for the payment of medical expenses incurred when an employee has been assigned to work release or a transitional work program and is injured during his participation in such program.

Present law provides that the injured employee is eligible to resume collection of workers' compensation benefits upon his release.

Proposed law removes the requirement of forfeiture of workers' compensation benefits while incarcerated.

(Repeals R.S. 23:1201.4)