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7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Labor; workers' compensation; compensation for personal injury

10 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow workers' compensation  
11 benefits to be paid through the use of an electronic pay card account.

12 An act relating to payment of workers' compensation benefits by electronic  
13 payroll card

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 618 is amended to read:

16 § 618. COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL INJURY

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18 (f) If an injured worker voluntarily consents in writing, the worker may be  
19 paid compensation benefits by means of direct deposit or an electronic payroll  
20 card account in accord with the requirements of section 342 of this title, and

- 1 any rules adopted by the commissioner to implement this section. An
- 2 electronic payroll card account may be used only for weekly payment of
- 3 benefits and not for the payment of a lump sum award.