

34:15-49.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 34: 15-49.1 (Workers compensation — Judges — appoint attorneys currently employed as hearing referees)

LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 353

Bill No. S676

Sponsor(s) A. Russo

Date Introduced Prefiled

Committee: Assembly Labor

Senate Labor, Industry and Professions

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Sponsor statement Yes ~~XXX~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~XXX~~

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Sponsor's statement:

This bill would designate as judges of compensation those referees, ^{sic} formal hearings who are attorneys at law and have been employed in the Division of Workers' Compensation for 10 years.

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SENATE, No. 676

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

By Senator A. RUSSO

AN ACT concerning judges of workers' compensation and supplementing chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of R. S. 34:15-49 to the
2 contrary, referees **[.]** **of** formal hearings in the Division of
3 Workers' Compensation who have been so employed ***for a period*
4 *of 10 years or more*** and who have been attorneys at law of this
5 State **[.]** **** for a period of 10 years or more, are hereby designated
6 judges of compensation ***and shall commence service as judges of*
7 *compensation upon the effective date of this act at the first step in*
8 *salary range 39 of the appropriate compensation plan adopted by*
9 *the Civil Service Commission in accordance with chapter 8 of Title*
10 *11 of the Revised Statutes**.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 676

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with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 1981

The Assembly Labor Committee reports this bill favorably, with amendments, to designate as judges of (workers') compensation those referees of formal hearings in the Division of Workers' Compensation who have been so employed for 10 years and have been attorneys in New Jersey for an equal period of time.

Under amendments adopted by the committee, the three referees receiving the promotions provided herein would commence service as judges at the first step of the workers' compensation judge salary range (#39).

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 676

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 23, 1981

This bill would designate as judges of compensation those referees of formal hearings who are attorneys at law and have been employed in the Division of Workers' Compensation for 10 years or more.

Variable rate contracts are contracts where benefits vary to 12/29/81 reflect the investment portfolios of insurees. The bill will also increase examination fees from \$10 to \$15 and license fees from \$5 to \$10. The license will be good for two years, rather than the current one-year license.

A-2174, sponsored by Assemblyman Dennis L. Riley (D-Gloucester) transferring from the Secretary of State to the State Treasurer the responsibility for maintaining a list of corporations ineligible to do business with public institutions or entities pursuant to Executive Order No. 34 of 1976.

The Executive Order barred State Agencies from doing business with corporations where a stockholder or principal officer has been convicted of bribing a public official or convicted of a related offense.

AJR-33, sponsored by Assemblyman W. Cary Edwards (R-Bergen) directing the Department of Higher Education to conduct a study to determine if state colleges and universities should train students in speech rehabilitation for people who have had laryngectomies. Data from the American Cancer Society would serve as a basis for the study.

S-676, sponsored by Senator Anthony E. Russo (D-Union), requiring that workers' compensation hearing judges be attorneys who have been employed in the Division of Workers' Compensation for at least 10 years. The bill would effectively designate three current hearing referees as compensation judges with a corresponding salary increase of approximately \$10,000 per year.

S-3449, sponsored by Senator Carmen Orechio (D-Essex) requiring the State to pay the town of Montclair \$87,889.90 under the State in-lieu-of taxes program.

An error in the recording of a property transfer from Montclair State College to the New Jersey Education Facilities Authority resulted in an underpayment to the host town. This bill corrects the error. Including the payment under this bill, Montclair will receive a total of \$92,064.40 in 1981 under the in-lieu-of-taxes program.