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**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** Yes Labor Appropriations

**SENATE:** No

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 387, *approved January 21, 2020*  
Senate, No. 782 (*Second Reprint*)

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24		weekly wages, hereinafter referred
25		to as "SAWW"
26	211-240 weeks . . . . .	40% of SAWW
27	241-270 weeks . . . . .	45% of SAWW
28	271-300 weeks . . . . .	50% of SAWW
29	301-330 weeks . . . . .	55% of SAWW
30	331-360 weeks . . . . .	60% of SAWW
31	361-390 weeks . . . . .	65% of SAWW
32	391-420 weeks . . . . .	70% of SAWW
33	421-600 weeks . . . . .	75% of SAWW

34 Said compensation shall be expressly subject to the provisions  
 35 of R.S.34:15-37, and shall be paid to the employee for the period  
 36 named in the following schedule (paragraphs 1 to 23 inclusive):

37	Lost Member	Number of Weeks'
38		Compensation
39	1. Thumb . . . . .	<sup>1</sup> <b>[75]</b> <u>80</u> <sup>1</sup>
40	2. First finger (commonly called index finger)	<sup>1</sup> <b>[50]</b> <u>60</u> <sup>1</sup>
41	3. Second finger . . . . .	<sup>1</sup> <b>[40]</b> <u>50</u> <sup>1</sup>
42	4. Third finger. . . . .	<sup>1</sup> <b>[30]</b> <u>40</u> <sup>1</sup>
43	5. Fourth finger (commonly called little finger).	<sup>1</sup> <b>[20]</b> <u>30</u> <sup>1</sup>
44	6. Great toe . . . . .	40
45	7. Toe, other than a great toe. . . . .	15
46	8. Hand, or thumb and first and second fingers	
47	(on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand). . .	<sup>1</sup> <b>[245]</b> <u>260</u> <sup>1</sup>
48	<u>except that, in the event that the loss of function of the</u>	

- 1           hand is determined to be equal to or greater than a 25%  
2           loss of use of the hand, the award shall be calculated  
3           based on 300 weeks of compensation.
- 4       9. Arm . . . . . 330
- 5       10. Foot. . . . . <sup>1</sup>~~230~~ 250<sup>1</sup>
- 6           except that, in the event that the loss of function of the foot  
7           is determined to be equal to or greater than a 25% loss of use  
8           of the foot, the award shall be calculated based on <sup>1</sup>~~275~~  
9           285<sup>1</sup> weeks of compensation.
- 10       11. Leg . . . . . 315
- 11       12. The loss of the first phalange of the thumb or of any finger  
12 shall be considered to be equal to the loss of 1/2 of such thumb or  
13 finger, and the compensation shall be for 1/2 of the periods of time  
14 above specified. The loss of any portion of the thumb or any finger  
15 between the terminal joint and the end thereof shall be compensated  
16 for a like proportion of the period of time prescribed for the loss of  
17 the first phalange of such member.
- 18       13. The loss of the first phalange and any portion of the second  
19 shall be considered as the loss of the entire finger or thumb, but in  
20 no case shall the amount received for more than one finger exceed  
21 the amount provided in this schedule for the loss of a hand.
- 22       14. The loss of the first phalange of any toe shall be considered  
23 to be equal to the loss of 1/2 of such toe, and compensation shall be  
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- 25       15. The loss of the first phalange and any portion of the second  
26 shall be considered as the loss of the entire toe.
- 27       16. For the loss of vision of an eye, 200 weeks.
- 28       17. For the enucleation of an eye, 25 weeks, in addition to such  
29 compensation, if any, as may be allowable under paragraph 16 of  
30 this subsection.
- 31       18. For the loss of a natural tooth, four weeks for each tooth  
32 lost.
- 33       19. For the total loss of hearing in one ear, 60 weeks. For the  
34 total loss of hearing in both ears by one accident, 200 weeks.
- 35       20. The loss of both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both  
36 legs, or both eyes, or any two thereof as the result of any one  
37 accident, shall constitute total and permanent disability to be  
38 compensated according to the provisions of subsection b. of this  
39 section.
- 40       21. Amputation between the elbow and the wrist shall be  
41 considered as the equivalent of the loss of a hand and amputation at  
42 the elbow shall be considered equivalent to the loss of the arm.  
43 Amputation between the knee and ankle shall be considered as the  
44 equivalent of the loss of a foot, and amputation at the knee shall be  
45 considered equivalent to the loss of the leg. An additional amount  
46 of 30% of the amputation award shall be added to that award to  
47 compute the total award made in amputations of body members,  
48 provided, however, that this additional amount shall not be subject

1 to legal fees. <sup>1</sup>An award of permanent total disability shall not bar  
2 an additional amount from being added to an amputation award.  
3 The amount of the additional award shall not be subject to  
4 subrogation pursuant to R.S.34:15-40, as it shall not be considered a  
5 payment of compensation except for rating purposes.<sup>1</sup>

6 22. In all lesser or other cases involving permanent loss, or  
7 where the usefulness of a member of any physical function is  
8 permanently impaired, the duration of compensation shall bear such  
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10 as the disabilities bear to those produced by the injuries named in  
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12 percentage of total and permanent disability, the duration of the  
13 compensation shall be a corresponding portion of 600 weeks.  
14 Should the employer and employee be unable to agree upon the  
15 amount of compensation to be paid in cases not covered by the  
16 schedule, either party may appeal to the Division of Workers'  
17 Compensation for a settlement of the controversy.

18 23. Where there is a traumatic hernia, compensation will be  
19 allowed if notice thereof is given by the claimant to the employer  
20 within 48 hours after the occurrence of the hernia but any Sunday,  
21 Saturday or holiday shall be excluded from this 48-hour period.

22 d. If previous loss of function to the body, head, a member or  
23 an organ is established by competent evidence, and subsequently an  
24 injury or occupational disease arising out of and in the course of an  
25 employment occurs to that part of the body, head, member or organ,  
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31 such matters shall rest on the employer.

32 e. In case of the death of the person from any cause other than  
33 the accident or occupational disease, during the period of payments  
34 for permanent injury, the remaining payments shall be paid to such  
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36 provisions of R.S.34:15-13 or, if no dependents, the remaining  
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43 (cf: P.L.1990, c.122, s.1)

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45 <sup>2</sup>[2. Section 3 of P.L.1948, c.446 (C.34:1A-3) is amended to  
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 3 **Revised Statutes】** Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes, Civil  
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 5 specifically provided;

6 (c) Perform, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and  
 7 duties of the department through such divisions as may be  
 8 established by this act or otherwise by law;

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 10 inconsistent with the provisions of this act and in such bureaus and  
 11 other organizational units as he may determine to be necessary for  
 12 efficient and effective operation;

13 (e) Adopt, issue and promulgate, in the name of the department,  
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 16 conduct of the work and general administration of the department,  
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 19 processes as may be necessary properly to enforce and give effect to  
 20 any of his powers or duties;

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 22 Legislature of the department's operations, and render such other  
 23 reports as the Governor shall from time to time request or as may be  
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 26 divisions and other agencies therein, in a manner designed to  
 27 eliminate overlapping and duplicating functions;

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 35 equally responsive to the needs of both the State's workforce and  
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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

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**District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI**

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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8 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
9 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
10 then \$59 for each remaining week  
11 121-126 weeks . . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
12 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
13 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
14 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
15 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
16 then \$61 for each remaining week  
17 127-132 weeks . . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
18 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
19 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
20 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
21 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
22 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
23 then \$63 for each remaining week  
24 133-138 weeks . . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
25 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
26 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
27 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
28 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
29 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
30 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
31 then \$66 for each remaining week  
32 139-144 weeks . . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
33 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
34 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
35 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
36 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
37 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
38 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
39 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
40 then \$68 for each remaining week  
41 145-150 weeks . . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
42 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
43 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
44 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
45 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
46 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
47 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
48 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks

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1 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
2 then \$70 for each remaining week  
3 151-156 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
4 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
5 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
6 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
7 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
8 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
9 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
10 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
11 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
12 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks  
13 then \$73 for each remaining week  
14 157-162 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
15 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
16 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
17 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
18 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
19 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
20 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
21 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
22 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
23 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks  
24 then \$73 for the next 6 weeks  
25 then \$75 for each remaining week  
26 163-168 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
27 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
28 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
29 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
30 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
31 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
32 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
33 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
34 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
35 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks  
36 then \$73 for the next 6 weeks  
37 then \$75 for the next 6 weeks  
38 then \$77 for each remaining week  
39 169-174 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
40 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
41 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
42 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
43 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
44 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
45 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
46 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
47 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
48 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks

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- 1 then \$73 for the next 6 weeks
- 2 then \$75 for the next 6 weeks
- 3 then \$77 for the next 6 weeks
- 4 then \$80 for each remaining week
- 5 175-180 weeks . . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks
- 6 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks
- 7 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks
- 8 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks
- 9 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks
- 10 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks
- 11 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks
- 12 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks
- 13 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks
- 14 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks
- 15 then \$73 for the next 6 weeks
- 16 then \$75 for the next 6 weeks
- 17 then \$77 for the next 6 weeks
- 18 then \$80 for the next 6 weeks
- 19 then \$82 for each remaining week
- 20 181-210 weeks . . . . . 35% of the Statewide average
- 21 weekly wages, hereinafter referred
- 22 to as "SAWW"
- 23 211-240 weeks . . . . . 40% of SAWW
- 24 241-270 weeks . . . . . 45% of SAWW
- 25 271-300 weeks . . . . . 50% of SAWW
- 26 301-330 weeks . . . . . 55% of SAWW
- 27 331-360 weeks . . . . . 60% of SAWW
- 28 361-390 weeks . . . . . 65% of SAWW
- 29 391-420 weeks . . . . . 70% of SAWW
- 30 421-600 weeks . . . . . 75% of SAWW

31 Said compensation shall be expressly subject to the provisions  
32 of R.S.34:15-37, and shall be paid to the employee for the period  
33 named in the following schedule (paragraphs 1 to 23 inclusive):

34 Lost Member	35 Number of Weeks' 36 Compensation
37 1. Thumb . . . . .	75
38 2. First finger (commonly called index finger). . .	50
39 3. Second finger . . . . .	40
40 4. Third finger. . . . .	30
41 5. Fourth finger (commonly called little finger) . .	20
42 6. Great toe . . . . .	40
43 7. Toe, other than a great toe. . . . .	15
44 8. Hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand). . .	245

45 except that, in the event that the loss of function of the  
46 hand is determined to be equal to or greater than a 25%  
47 loss of use of the hand, the award shall be calculated  
48 based on 300 weeks of compensation.

- 1        9. Arm . . . . . 330
- 2        10. Foot. . . . . 230
- 3            except that, in the event that the loss of function of the foot
- 4            is determined to be equal to or greater than a 25% loss of use
- 5            of the foot, the award shall be calculated based on 275
- 6            weeks of compensation.
- 7        11. Leg . . . . . 315
- 8        12. The loss of the first phalange of the thumb or of any finger
- 9 shall be considered to be equal to the loss of 1/2 of such thumb or
- 10 finger, and the compensation shall be for 1/2 of the periods of time
- 11 above specified. The loss of any portion of the thumb or any finger
- 12 between the terminal joint and the end thereof shall be compensated
- 13 for a like proportion of the period of time prescribed for the loss of
- 14 the first phalange of such member.
- 15        13. The loss of the first phalange and any portion of the second
- 16 shall be considered as the loss of the entire finger or thumb, but in
- 17 no case shall the amount received for more than one finger exceed
- 18 the amount provided in this schedule for the loss of a hand.
- 19        14. The loss of the first phalange of any toe shall be considered
- 20 to be equal to the loss of 1/2 of such toe, and compensation shall be
- 21 for 1/2 of the period of time above specified.
- 22        15. The loss of the first phalange and any portion of the second
- 23 shall be considered as the loss of the entire toe.
- 24        16. For the loss of vision of an eye, 200 weeks.
- 25        17. For the enucleation of an eye, 25 weeks, in addition to such
- 26 compensation, if any, as may be allowable under paragraph 16 of
- 27 this subsection.
- 28        18. For the loss of a natural tooth, four weeks for each tooth
- 29 lost.
- 30        19. For the total loss of hearing in one ear, 60 weeks. For the
- 31 total loss of hearing in both ears by one accident, 200 weeks.
- 32        20. The loss of both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both
- 33 legs, or both eyes, or any two thereof as the result of any one
- 34 accident, shall constitute total and permanent disability to be
- 35 compensated according to the provisions of subsection b. of this
- 36 section.
- 37        21. Amputation between the elbow and the wrist shall be
- 38 considered as the equivalent of the loss of a hand and amputation at
- 39 the elbow shall be considered equivalent to the loss of the arm.
- 40 Amputation between the knee and ankle shall be considered as the
- 41 equivalent of the loss of a foot, and amputation at the knee shall be
- 42 considered equivalent to the loss of the leg. An additional amount
- 43 of 30% of the amputation award shall be added to that award to
- 44 compute the total award made in amputations of body members,
- 45 provided, however, that this additional amount shall not be subject
- 46 to legal fees.
- 47        22. In all lesser or other cases involving permanent loss, or
- 48 where the usefulness of a member of any physical function is

1 permanently impaired, the duration of compensation shall bear such  
2 relation to the specific periods of time stated in the above schedule  
3 as the disabilities bear to those produced by the injuries named in  
4 the schedule. In cases in which the disability is determined as a  
5 percentage of total and permanent disability, the duration of the  
6 compensation shall be a corresponding portion of 600 weeks.  
7 Should the employer and employee be unable to agree upon the  
8 amount of compensation to be paid in cases not covered by the  
9 schedule, either party may appeal to the Division of Workers'  
10 Compensation for a settlement of the controversy.

11 23. Where there is a traumatic hernia, compensation will be  
12 allowed if notice thereof is given by the claimant to the employer  
13 within 48 hours after the occurrence of the hernia but any Sunday,  
14 Saturday or holiday shall be excluded from this 48-hour period.

15 d. If previous loss of function to the body, head, a member or  
16 an organ is established by competent evidence, and subsequently an  
17 injury or occupational disease arising out of and in the course of an  
18 employment occurs to that part of the body, head, member or organ,  
19 where there was a previous loss of function, then the employer or  
20 the employer's insurance carrier at the time of the subsequent injury  
21 or occupational disease shall not be liable for any such loss and  
22 credit shall be given the employer or the employer's insurance  
23 carrier for the previous loss of function and the burden of proof in  
24 such matters shall rest on the employer.

25 e. In case of the death of the person from any cause other than  
26 the accident or occupational disease, during the period of payments  
27 for permanent injury, the remaining payments shall be paid to such  
28 of the deceased person's dependents as are included in the  
29 provisions of R.S.34:15-13 or, if no dependents, the remaining  
30 amount due, but not exceeding \$3,500.00, shall be paid in a lump  
31 sum to the proper person for burial and funeral expenses; but no  
32 compensation shall be due any other person than the injured  
33 employee on account of compensation being paid in excess of 450  
34 weeks on account of disability total in character and permanent in  
35 quality as provided by subsection b. of this section.

36 (cf: P.L.1990, c.122, s.1)

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38 2. Section 3 of P.L.1948, c.446 (C.34:1A-3) is amended to read  
39 as follows:

40 3. The commissioner, as head of the department, shall:

41 (a) Administer the work of the department;

42 (b) Appoint and remove officers and other personnel employed  
43 within the department, subject to the provisions of **【**Title 11 of the  
44 Revised Statutes**】** Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes, Civil  
45 Service, and other applicable statutes, except as herein otherwise  
46 specifically provided;

1 (c) Perform, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and  
2 duties of the department through such divisions as may be  
3 established by this act or otherwise by law;

4 (d) Organize the work of the department in such divisions, not  
5 inconsistent with the provisions of this act and in such bureaus and  
6 other organizational units as he may determine to be necessary for  
7 efficient and effective operation;

8 (e) Adopt, issue and promulgate, in the name of the department,  
9 such rules and regulations as may be authorized by law;

10 (f) Formulate and adopt rules and regulations for the efficient  
11 conduct of the work and general administration of the department,  
12 its officers and employees;

13 (g) Institute or cause to be instituted such legal proceedings or  
14 processes as may be necessary properly to enforce and give effect to  
15 any of his powers or duties;

16 (h) Make an annual report to the Governor and to the  
17 Legislature of the department's operations, and render such other  
18 reports as the Governor shall from time to time request or as may be  
19 required by law;

20 (i) Co-ordinate the activities of the department, and the several  
21 divisions and other agencies therein, in a manner designed to  
22 eliminate overlapping and duplicating functions;

23 (j) Integrate within the department, so far as practicable, all  
24 staff services of the department and of the several divisions and  
25 other agencies therein; **[and]**

26 (k) Study, in consultation with the Commissioner of Banking  
27 and Insurance, the State's workers' compensation system and make  
28 recommendations that will help foster and maintain an efficient,  
29 effective and well-balanced workers' compensation program that is  
30 equally responsive to the needs of both the State's workforce and  
31 the employer community, and submit a study, with  
32 recommendations, to the Governor and the Legislature not later than  
33 one year after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the  
34 Legislature as this bill), and every five years thereafter; and

35 (l) Perform such other functions as may be prescribed in this act  
36 or by any other law.

37 (cf: P.L.1948, c.446, s.3)

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39 3. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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42 STATEMENT  
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44 This bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in  
45 certain cases for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second  
46 fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) or a foot, as  
47 follows:

48 1. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25% or

1 more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be  
2 calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a  
3 100% loss of function; and

4 2. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25% or  
5 more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be  
6 calculated based on a maximum of 275 weeks of compensation for a  
7 100% loss of function.

8 Under current law, the maximum award for the loss of a hand is  
9 245 weeks and the maximum award for the loss of a foot is 230  
10 weeks.

11 The bill also requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
12 Development to study, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
13 Banking and Insurance, the State's workers' compensation system  
14 and make recommendations that will help foster and maintain an  
15 efficient, effective and well-balanced workers' compensation  
16 program that is equally responsive to the needs of both the State's  
17 workforce and the employer community. The commissioner will  
18 submit a study, with recommendations, to the Governor and the  
19 Legislature not later than one year after the effective date of this bill  
20 and every five years thereafter.

# ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 782

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2019

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 782 (1R).

As amended, this bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) or a foot, as follows:

1. For the loss of a thumb, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 80 weeks of compensation;
2. For the loss of a first finger (index finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 60 weeks of compensation;
3. For the loss of a second finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 50 weeks of compensation;
4. For the loss of a third finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 40 weeks of compensation;
5. For the loss of a fourth finger (little finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 30 weeks of compensation;
6. For the loss of a hand, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 260 weeks of compensation;
7. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function;
8. For the loss of a foot, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 250 weeks of compensation; and
9. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 285 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function.

The bill prohibits an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional award for certain amputations, and provides the amount of the additional reward is not subject to subrogation, as it is not considered to be a payment of compensation except for rating purposes.

Under current law, in the case of the death of a person receiving payments for permanent injury, from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease, the remaining payments are required to be paid to the deceased person's dependents or, if no dependents, the remaining amount due, but not exceeding \$3,500, is required to be paid in a lump sum to the proper person for burial and funeral expenses. The bill increases the maximum amount payable for burial and funeral expenses from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

Remove the requirement that the commissioner conduct a study of the workers' compensation system.

The amendments make the bill identical to Assembly Bill No. 1110 (1R) of the 2018-2019 session.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 782**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 782 (2R).

This bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) or a foot, as follows:

1. For the loss of a thumb, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 80 weeks of compensation;

2. For the loss of a first finger (index finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 60 weeks of compensation;

3. For the loss of a second finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 50 weeks of compensation;

4. For the loss of a third finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 40 weeks of compensation;

5. For the loss of a fourth finger (little finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 30 weeks of compensation;

6. For the loss of a hand, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 260 weeks of compensation;

7. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function;

8. For the loss of a foot, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 250 weeks of compensation; and

9. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 285 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function.

The bill prohibits an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional award for certain amputations, and provides the

amount of the additional reward is not subject to subrogation, as it is not considered to be a payment of compensation except for rating purposes.

Under current law, in the case of the death of a person receiving payments for permanent injury, from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease, the remaining payments are required to be paid to the deceased person's dependents or, if no dependents, the remaining amount due, but not exceeding \$3,500, is required to be paid in a lump sum to the proper person for burial and funeral expenses. The bill increases the maximum amount payable for burial and funeral expenses from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1110 (1R), as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that this bill may result in an indeterminate increase in annual costs to State and local government units due to the increased amounts of workers' compensation to be paid in certain cases. The OLS cannot quantify the annual expenditure increases because it does not have access to historical data on the number of workers' compensation cases to which the provisions of the bill may apply and the associated compensation amounts.

# SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 782

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 10, 2018

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 782.

This bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) or a foot, as follows:

1. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function; and

2. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 275 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function.

Under current law, the maximum award for the loss of a hand is 245 weeks and the maximum award for the loss of a foot is 230 weeks.

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to study, in consultation with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, the State's workers' compensation system and make recommendations that will help foster and maintain an efficient, effective and well-balanced workers' compensation program that is equally responsive to the needs of both the State's workforce and the employer community. The commissioner will submit a study, with recommendations, to the Governor and the Legislature not later than one year after the effective date of this bill and every five years thereafter.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 782**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 782, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) or a foot, as follows:

1. For the loss of a thumb, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 80 weeks of compensation;

2. For the loss of a first finger (index finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 60 weeks of compensation;

3. For the loss of a second finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 50 weeks of compensation;

4. For the loss of a third finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 40 weeks of compensation;

5. For the loss of a fourth finger (little finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 30 weeks of compensation;

6. For the loss of a hand, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 260 weeks of compensation;

7. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function;

8. For the loss of a foot, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 250 weeks of compensation; and

9. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 285 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function.

The bill prohibits an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional award for certain amputations, and provides the

amount of the additional reward is not subject to subrogation, as it is not considered to be a payment of compensation except for rating purposes.

Under current law, in the case of the death of a person receiving payments for permanent injury, from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease, the remaining payments are required to be paid to the deceased person's dependents or, if no dependents, the remaining amount due, but not exceeding \$3,500, is required to be paid in a lump sum to the proper person for burial and funeral expenses. The bill increases the maximum amount payable for burial and funeral expenses from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to study, in consultation with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, the State's workers' compensation system and make recommendations that will help foster and maintain an efficient, effective and well-balanced workers' compensation program that is equally responsive to the needs of both the State's workforce and the employer community. The commissioner will submit a study, with recommendations, to the Governor and the Legislature not later than one year after the effective date of this bill and every five years thereafter.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments modify the maximum number of weeks used in calculating the award of workers' compensation for the loss of a thumb, each finger, a hand, and a foot.

The amendments prohibit an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional amount for certain amputations from being added to the award.

The amendments increase the maximum amount payable for burial and funeral expenses from \$3,500 to \$5,000 in the case of the death of a person receiving payments from permanent injury who does not have any dependents.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that this bill may have an indeterminate, likely insignificant, increase in costs to the State and local units due to the increased amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases. The impact of the bill's cost will be dependent upon the increased amount of worker's compensation paid for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand), or the loss of a foot. The cost will also be dependent upon the number of cases in which an individual is found to have lost more than 25 percent of the use of a hand or foot and the increased settlement that is paid by the State and local units.

The OLS also notes that the Department of Labor and Workforce Development may incur in one-time indeterminate costs associated with a study of the State's workers' compensation system and reporting requirements under the bill.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 782**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: OCTOBER 3, 2018

### **SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot; requires Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to study effectiveness of workers' compensation program.
- Type of Impact:** Indeterminate, potentially insignificant, increase in costs to the State and local units.
- Agencies Affected:** Local units and various State agencies.

#### **Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>		Indeterminate	
<b>Local Cost</b>		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that this bill may cause an indeterminate, likely insignificant, increase in costs to State and local units due to the increased amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases, and due to the bill's provisions prohibiting an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional amount for certain amputations from being added to the award.
- The OLS also notes that the Department of Labor and Workforce Development may incur indeterminate costs associated with the study of the State's workers' compensation system, which is required to be prepared and submitted one year after the bill's effective date and every five years thereafter.

### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases as follows:

1. For the loss of a thumb, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 80 weeks of compensation (currently 75);
2. For the loss of a first finger (index finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be

calculated based on a maximum of 60 weeks of compensation (currently 50);

3. For the loss of a second finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 50 weeks of compensation (currently 40);

4. For the loss of a third finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 40 weeks of compensation (currently 30);

5. For the loss of a fourth finger (little finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 30 weeks of compensation (currently 20);

6. For the loss of a hand, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 260 weeks of compensation (currently 245);

7. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25 percent or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a 100 percent loss of function;

8. For the loss of a foot, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 250 weeks of compensation (currently 230); and

9. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25 percent or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 285 weeks of compensation for a 100 percent loss of function.

The bill prohibits an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional award for certain amputations, and provides the amount of the additional reward is not subject to subrogation, as it is not considered to be a payment of compensation except for rating purposes.

Under current law, in the case of the death of a person receiving payments for permanent injury from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease, the remaining payments are required to be paid to the deceased person's dependents or, if no dependents, the remaining amount due, but not exceeding \$3,500, is required to be paid in a lump sum to the proper person for burial and funeral expenses. The bill increases the maximum amount payable for burial and funeral expenses from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to study, in consultation with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, the State's workers' compensation system and make recommendations that will help foster and maintain an efficient, effective and well-balanced workers' compensation program that is equally responsive to the needs of both the State's workforce and the employer community. The commissioner will submit a study, with recommendations, to the Governor and the Legislature not later than one year after the effective date of this bill and every five years thereafter.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

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The OLS notes that this bill may cause an indeterminate, likely insignificant, increase in costs to State and local units due to the increased amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases. The impact of the bill's cost will depend upon the increased amount of worker's compensation paid for the loss of a thumb; any finger; hand; a thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand); or the loss of a foot. The cost will also depend on

the number of cases in which an individual is found to have lost more than 25 percent of the use of a hand or foot and the increased settlement that is paid by the State and local units as a result.

As shown in Table 1, the OLS computed the maximum of workers' compensation a person receives given the specific injury under current law, compared to what the person would receive under the bill.

<b>Table 1: Workers' Compensation per Injured Worker and Type of Injury</b>				
	<i>Current Law @ 245 weeks</i>	<i>S-782 (1R) First 260 weeks</i>	<i>S-782 (1R) Increase payment of 245- 260 weeks</i>	<i>Loss of Hand Percent Change from Current Law and S-782 (1R)</i>
Loss of Hand	\$135,415	\$143,705	\$8,291	6%
	<i>Current Law @ 230 weeks</i>	<i>S-782 (1R) First 250 weeks</i>	<i>S-782 (1R) Increase payment of 230- 250 weeks</i>	<i>Loss of Foot Percent Change from Current Law and S-782 (1R)</i>
Loss of Foot	\$112,999	\$138,178	\$25,179	22%
	<i>Current Law</i>	<i>S-782 (1R)</i>	<i>Percent Change</i>	
Loss of Thumb	\$18,424	\$19,652	7%	
Loss of First Finger	\$12,283	\$14,739	20%	
Loss of Second Finger	\$9,826	\$12,283	25%	
Loss of Third Finger	\$7,370	\$9,826	33%	
Loss of Fourth Finger	\$4,913	\$7,370	50%	
	<i>S-782 (1R) 300 weeks</i>	<i>S-782 (1R) Increase payment of 245-300 weeks</i>	<i>Loss of Hand Percent Change from Current Law and S-782 (1R)</i>	
25% Loss of Hand Function or Greater	\$184,238	\$48,823	36%	
	<i>S-782 (1R) 285 weeks</i>	<i>S-782 (1R) Increase payment of 230-285 weeks</i>	<i>Loss of Foot Percent Change from Current Law and S-782 (1R)</i>	
25% Loss of Foot Function or Greater	\$175,026	\$62,027	55%	

For purposes of illustration, if enacted, the bill may increase State and local units' expenditures for compensation of a worker who loses a hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) by 6 percent or about \$8,300. However, if the worker is found to have lost more than 25 percent of the use of a hand, for compensation weeks 245-300, the increase in costs to the State and local units would be 36 percent or \$48,823, as shown in Table 1.

The OLS further notes that, if enacted, the bill may have an indeterminate, likely insignificant, increase in costs to State and local units due to the bill's provisions on prohibiting an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional amount for certain amputations from being added to the award.

Under the bill, when a worker who does not have any dependents dies from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease during the period of payments for permanent injury, the remaining amount due, but not exceeding \$5,000, will be paid for burial and funeral expenses,

which is an increase of \$1,500 over current law. The OLS notes that the increase in the payment for burial and funeral services may have an indeterminate, likely insignificant, increase in State and local units' expenditures.

The OLS also notes that the Department of Labor and Workforce Development may incur indeterminate costs associated with the study of the State's workers' compensation system required to be prepared and submitted one year after the bill's effective date and every five years thereafter.

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 782**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: DECEMBER 19, 2019

### **SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot.
- Type of Impact:** Annual increases in State and local government expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury and local government entities.

#### **Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	
<b>Annual State Expenditure Increase</b>	Indeterminate
<b>Annual Local Expenditure Increase</b>	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that this bill may result in indeterminate annual increases in costs to the State and local government units due to higher workers' compensation payments. The OLS cannot quantify the annual expenditure increases because it does not have access to pertinent historical workers' compensation program data.

### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill increases workers' compensation awards in certain cases. An individual's compensation award generally equals the number of weeks for which the individual is entitled to workers' compensation benefits multiplied by a percentage of the Statewide Average Weekly Wage of all Workers in a given calendar year. Under the bill, the maximum workers' compensation award is to be calculated based on:

- 80 weeks of compensation for the loss of a thumb (currently 75);
- 60 weeks of compensation for the loss of a first (index) finger (currently 50);
- 50 weeks of compensation for the loss of a second finger (currently 40);
- 40 weeks of compensation for the loss of a third finger (currently 30);
- 30 weeks of compensation for the loss of a fourth (little) finger (currently 20);
- 260 weeks of compensation for the loss of either four fingers or a thumb and the first and

second fingers (currently 245);

g. 300 weeks of compensation if a loss of function of a hand is determined to be at least 25 percent, which is a new category (currently 245 weeks for the complete loss of a hand); and

h. 285 weeks of compensation if a loss of function of a foot is determined to be at least 25 percent, which is a new category (currently 230 weeks for the complete loss of a foot).

The bill also prohibits an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional award for certain amputations, and provides that the amount of the additional award is not subject to subrogation, as it is not considered a payment of compensation except for rating purposes.

Additionally, the bill increases from \$3,500 to \$5,000 the maximum amount that is to be paid for burial and funeral expenses out of remaining workers' compensation payments for permanent injury when the person receiving the payments for permanent injury dies from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease and has no dependents.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### *EXECUTIVE BRANCH*

None received.

### *OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES*

The OLS notes that this bill may result in indeterminate annual increases in costs to the State and local government units due to higher workers' compensation payments. The OLS cannot quantify the annual expenditure increases because it does not have access to pertinent historical workers' compensation program data.

In Table 1, the OLS contrasts the maximum amounts of workers' compensation a person would receive in calendar year 2020 given the specific injury under current law and the bill. For purposes of illustration, the bill would increase State and local units' expenditures for compensation of a worker who loses a hand by \$50,085, or 36.1 percent.

<b>Table 1: Workers' Compensation Benefit in Calendar Year 2020 by Type of Injury</b>				
	<i>Current Law</i>	<i>S-782 (2R)</i>	<i>Change Amount</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>
Loss of Thumb	\$18,900	\$20,160	\$1,260	6.7%
Loss of First Finger	\$12,600	\$15,120	\$2,520	20.0%
Loss of Second Finger	\$10,080	\$12,600	\$2,520	25.0%
Loss of Third Finger	\$7,560	\$10,080	\$2,520	33.3%
Loss of Fourth Finger	\$5,040	\$7,560	\$2,520	50.0%
Loss on one Hand of either Four Fingers, or a Thumb and First and Second Fingers	\$138,915	\$147,420	\$8,505	6.1%
Loss of Hand	\$138,915	\$189,000	\$50,085	36.1%
25% Loss of Hand Function or Greater but not Complete Loss	Variable, new category under bill	\$189,000	Variable	Variable
<b>Loss of Foot</b>	<b>\$115,920</b>	<b>\$179,550</b>	<b>\$63,630</b>	<b>54.9%</b>
25% Loss of Foot Function or Greater but not Complete Loss	Variable, new category under bill	\$179,550	Variable	Variable

The bill may also produce an indeterminate, likely insignificant, increase in costs to State and local government units from prohibiting an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional amount for certain amputations from being added to the award.

In addition, the OLS expects the bill's \$1,500 increase in the maximum amount of workers' compensation benefits that may be used to pay for funeral and burial expenses for certain workers' compensation beneficiaries to grow State and local government entities' annual expenditures by an indeterminate, likely insignificant, amount.

Lastly, the OLS notes that the Department of the Treasury reported in its responses to FY 2019 OLS Discussion Points on the Interdepartmental Accounts section of the budget that the State paid \$45.9 million in compensation under the workers' compensation program in FY 2017.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1110**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot; requires Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to study effectiveness of workers' compensation program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/8/2019)**

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1 AN ACT concerning workers' compensation and amending  
2 R.S.34:15-12 and P.L.1948, c.446.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.34:15-12 is amended to read as follows:

8 34:15-12. Following is a schedule of compensation:

9 a. For injury producing temporary disability, 70% of the  
10 worker's weekly wages received at the time of the injury, subject to  
11 a maximum compensation of 75% of the average weekly wages  
12 earned by all employees covered by the "unemployment  
13 compensation law" (R.S.43:21-1 et seq.) and a minimum of 20% of  
14 such average weekly wages a week. This compensation shall be  
15 paid during the period of such disability, not however, beyond 400  
16 weeks. The amount of the maximum compensation shall be  
17 computed, determined, rounded out to the nearest dollar, and  
18 promulgated by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
19 Development on or before September 1 in each year based on said  
20 average weekly wages as of the calendar year preceding, and shall  
21 be effective as to injuries occurring in the calendar year following  
22 such promulgation. In any year in which the maximum benefit rate  
23 based upon said computation would not be increased or decreased  
24 beyond \$1.00 in amount, the rate promulgated theretofore shall  
25 continue.

26 b. For disability total in character and permanent in quality,  
27 70% of the weekly wages received at the time of injury, subject to a  
28 maximum and a minimum compensation as stated in subsection a.  
29 of this section. This compensation shall be paid for a period of 450  
30 weeks, at which time compensation payments shall cease unless the  
31 employee shall have submitted to such physical or educational  
32 rehabilitation as may have been ordered by the rehabilitation  
33 commission, and can show that because of such disability it is  
34 impossible for the employee to obtain wages or earnings equal to  
35 those earned at the time of the accident, in which case further  
36 weekly payments shall be made during the period of such disability,  
37 the amount thereof to be the previous weekly compensation  
38 payment diminished by that portion thereof that the wage, or  
39 earnings, the employee is then able to earn, bears to the wages  
40 received at the time of the accident. If the employee's wages or  
41 earnings equal or exceed wages received at the time of the accident,  
42 then the compensation rate shall be reduced to \$5.00. In calculating  
43 compensation for this extension beyond 450 weeks the above  
44 minimum provision shall not apply. This extension of compensation  
45 payments beyond 450 weeks shall be subject to such periodic

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 reconsiderations and extensions as the case may require, and shall  
 2 apply only to disability total in character and permanent in quality,  
 3 and shall not apply to any accident occurring prior to July 4, 1923.

4 c. For disability partial in character and permanent in quality,  
 5 weekly compensation shall be paid based upon 70% of the weekly  
 6 wages received at the time of the injury, subject to a maximum  
 7 compensation per week of 75% of the Statewide average weekly  
 8 wages (SAWW) earned by all employees covered by the  
 9 "unemployment compensation law" (R.S.43:21-1 et seq.) and paid  
 10 in accordance with the following "Disability Wage and  
 11 Compensation Schedule" and a minimum of \$35.00 per week. The  
 12 amount of awards for up to and including 180 weeks shall remain at  
 13 the amounts listed in the "Disability Wage and Compensation  
 14 Schedule" until January 1, 1982. On January 1, 1982, the dollar  
 15 amounts listed for the first 180 weeks in the "Disability Wage and  
 16 Compensation Schedule" shall be replaced by the following  
 17 percentages of the Statewide average weekly wage:

18	\$47-20% of the Statewide	\$61-26% SAWW
19	average weekly	\$63-27% SAWW
20	wages, hereinafter	\$66-28% SAWW
21	referred to as "SAWW"	\$68-29% SAWW
22	\$49-21% SAWW	\$70-30% SAWW
23	\$51-22% SAWW	\$73-31% SAWW
24	\$54-23% SAWW	\$75-32% SAWW
25	\$56-24% SAWW	\$77-33% SAWW
26	\$59-25% SAWW	\$80-34% SAWW
27		\$82-35% SAWW

28 In the event that the 20% limitation for attorney fees as set forth  
 29 in R.S.34:15-64 is reduced to a maximum of 10% before January 1,  
 30 1982, the above schedule shall be effective within 60 days of such  
 31 reduction in attorney fees. All amounts in the "Disability Wage and  
 32 Compensation Schedule" shall be rounded out to the nearest dollar.  
 33 When a claim petition alleges more than one disability, the number  
 34 of weeks in the award shall be determined and entered separately  
 35 for each such disability and the number of weeks for each disability  
 36 shall not be cumulative when entering an award.

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38 **DISABILITY WAGE AND COMPENSATION SCHEDULE**

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40	Weeks of Allowable	Maximum Weekly Compensation
41	Compensation	Applicable
42		
43	first 90 weeks. . . .	\$47
44	91 through 96 weeks . .	\$49
45	97 through 102 weeks. .	\$49 for the first 96 weeks then \$51
46		for each remaining week
47	103 through 108 weeks .	\$49 for the first 96 weeks then \$51
48		for the next 6 weeks then \$54 for

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1 each remaining week  
2 109-114 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks then  
3 \$51 for the next 6 weeks then \$54  
4 for the next 6 weeks then \$56 for  
5 each remaining week  
6 115-120 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
7 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
8 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
9 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
10 then \$59 for each remaining week  
11 121-126 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
12 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
13 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
14 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
15 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
16 then \$61 for each remaining week  
17 127-132 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
18 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
19 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
20 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
21 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
22 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
23 then \$63 for each remaining week  
24 133-138 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
25 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
26 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
27 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
28 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
29 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
30 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
31 then \$66 for each remaining week  
32 139-144 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
33 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
34 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
35 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
36 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
37 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
38 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
39 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
40 then \$68 for each remaining week  
41 145-150 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
42 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
43 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
44 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
45 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
46 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
47 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
48 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks

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1 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
2 then \$70 for each remaining week  
3 151-156 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
4 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
5 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
6 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
7 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
8 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
9 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
10 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
11 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
12 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks  
13 then \$73 for each remaining week  
14 157-162 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
15 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
16 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
17 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
18 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
19 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
20 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
21 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
22 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
23 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks  
24 then \$73 for the next 6 weeks  
25 then \$75 for each remaining week  
26 163-168 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
27 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
28 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
29 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
30 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
31 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
32 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
33 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
34 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
35 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks  
36 then \$73 for the next 6 weeks  
37 then \$75 for the next 6 weeks  
38 then \$77 for each remaining week  
39 169-174 weeks . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks  
40 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks  
41 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks  
42 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks  
43 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks  
44 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks  
45 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks  
46 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks  
47 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks  
48 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks

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- 1 then \$73 for the next 6 weeks
- 2 then \$75 for the next 6 weeks
- 3 then \$77 for the next 6 weeks
- 4 then \$80 for each remaining week
- 5 175-180 weeks . . . . . \$49 for the first 96 weeks
- 6 then \$51 for the next 6 weeks
- 7 then \$54 for the next 6 weeks
- 8 then \$56 for the next 6 weeks
- 9 then \$59 for the next 6 weeks
- 10 then \$61 for the next 6 weeks
- 11 then \$63 for the next 6 weeks
- 12 then \$66 for the next 6 weeks
- 13 then \$68 for the next 6 weeks
- 14 then \$70 for the next 6 weeks
- 15 then \$73 for the next 6 weeks
- 16 then \$75 for the next 6 weeks
- 17 then \$77 for the next 6 weeks
- 18 then \$80 for the next 6 weeks
- 19 then \$82 for each remaining week
- 20 181-210 weeks . . . . . 35% of the Statewide average
- 21 weekly wages, hereinafter referred
- 22 to as "SAWW"
- 23 211-240 weeks . . . . . 40% of SAWW
- 24 241-270 weeks . . . . . 45% of SAWW
- 25 271-300 weeks . . . . . 50% of SAWW
- 26 301-330 weeks . . . . . 55% of SAWW
- 27 331-360 weeks . . . . . 60% of SAWW
- 28 361-390 weeks . . . . . 65% of SAWW
- 29 391-420 weeks . . . . . 70% of SAWW
- 30 421-600 weeks . . . . . 75% of SAWW

31 Said compensation shall be expressly subject to the provisions of  
32 R.S.34:15-37, and shall be paid to the employee for the period  
33 named in the following schedule (paragraphs 1 to 23 inclusive):

34 Lost Member	35 Number of Weeks' 36 Compensation
37 1. Thumb . . . . .	75
38 2. First finger (commonly called index finger). . .	50
39 3. Second finger . . . . .	40
40 4. Third finger. . . . .	30
41 5. Fourth finger (commonly called little finger) . .	20
42 6. Great toe . . . . .	40
43 7. Toe, other than a great toe. . . . .	15
44 8. Hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand). . .	245

45 except that, in the event that the loss of function of the  
46 hand is determined to be equal to or greater than a 25%  
47 loss of use of the hand, the award shall be calculated  
48 based on 300 weeks of compensation.

- 1       9. Arm . . . . . 330
- 2       10. Foot. . . . . 230
- 3           except that, in the event that the loss of function of the foot
- 4           is determined to be equal to or greater than a 25% loss of use
- 5           of the foot, the award shall be calculated based on 275
- 6           weeks of compensation.
- 7       11. Leg . . . . . 315
- 8       12. The loss of the first phalange of the thumb or of any finger
- 9 shall be considered to be equal to the loss of 1/2 of such thumb or
- 10 finger, and the compensation shall be for 1/2 of the periods of time
- 11 above specified. The loss of any portion of the thumb or any finger
- 12 between the terminal joint and the end thereof shall be compensated
- 13 for a like proportion of the period of time prescribed for the loss of
- 14 the first phalange of such member.
- 15       13. The loss of the first phalange and any portion of the second
- 16 shall be considered as the loss of the entire finger or thumb, but in
- 17 no case shall the amount received for more than one finger exceed
- 18 the amount provided in this schedule for the loss of a hand.
- 19       14. The loss of the first phalange of any toe shall be considered
- 20 to be equal to the loss of 1/2 of such toe, and compensation shall be
- 21 for 1/2 of the period of time above specified.
- 22       15. The loss of the first phalange and any portion of the second
- 23 shall be considered as the loss of the entire toe.
- 24       16. For the loss of vision of an eye, 200 weeks.
- 25       17. For the enucleation of an eye, 25 weeks, in addition to such
- 26 compensation, if any, as may be allowable under paragraph 16 of
- 27 this subsection.
- 28       18. For the loss of a natural tooth, four weeks for each tooth
- 29 lost.
- 30       19. For the total loss of hearing in one ear, 60 weeks. For the
- 31 total loss of hearing in both ears by one accident, 200 weeks.
- 32       20. The loss of both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both
- 33 legs, or both eyes, or any two thereof as the result of any one
- 34 accident, shall constitute total and permanent disability to be
- 35 compensated according to the provisions of subsection b. of this
- 36 section.
- 37       21. Amputation between the elbow and the wrist shall be
- 38 considered as the equivalent of the loss of a hand and amputation at
- 39 the elbow shall be considered equivalent to the loss of the arm.
- 40 Amputation between the knee and ankle shall be considered as the
- 41 equivalent of the loss of a foot, and amputation at the knee shall be
- 42 considered equivalent to the loss of the leg. An additional amount
- 43 of 30% of the amputation award shall be added to that award to
- 44 compute the total award made in amputations of body members,
- 45 provided, however, that this additional amount shall not be subject
- 46 to legal fees.
- 47       22. In all lesser or other cases involving permanent loss, or
- 48 where the usefulness of a member of any physical function is

1 permanently impaired, the duration of compensation shall bear such  
2 relation to the specific periods of time stated in the above schedule  
3 as the disabilities bear to those produced by the injuries named in  
4 the schedule. In cases in which the disability is determined as a  
5 percentage of total and permanent disability, the duration of the  
6 compensation shall be a corresponding portion of 600 weeks.  
7 Should the employer and employee be unable to agree upon the  
8 amount of compensation to be paid in cases not covered by the  
9 schedule, either party may appeal to the Division of Workers'  
10 Compensation for a settlement of the controversy.

11 23. Where there is a traumatic hernia, compensation will be  
12 allowed if notice thereof is given by the claimant to the employer  
13 within 48 hours after the occurrence of the hernia but any Sunday,  
14 Saturday or holiday shall be excluded from this 48-hour period.

15 d. If previous loss of function to the body, head, a member or  
16 an organ is established by competent evidence, and subsequently an  
17 injury or occupational disease arising out of and in the course of an  
18 employment occurs to that part of the body, head, member or organ,  
19 where there was a previous loss of function, then the employer or  
20 the employer's insurance carrier at the time of the subsequent injury  
21 or occupational disease shall not be liable for any such loss and  
22 credit shall be given the employer or the employer's insurance  
23 carrier for the previous loss of function and the burden of proof in  
24 such matters shall rest on the employer.

25 e. In case of the death of the person from any cause other than  
26 the accident or occupational disease, during the period of payments  
27 for permanent injury, the remaining payments shall be paid to such  
28 of the deceased person's dependents as are included in the  
29 provisions of R.S.34:15-13 or, if no dependents, the remaining  
30 amount due, but not exceeding \$3,500.00, shall be paid in a lump  
31 sum to the proper person for burial and funeral expenses; but no  
32 compensation shall be due any other person than the injured  
33 employee on account of compensation being paid in excess of 450  
34 weeks on account of disability total in character and permanent in  
35 quality as provided by subsection b. of this section.

36 (cf: P.L.1990, c.122, s.1)

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38 2. Section 3 of P.L.1948, c.446 (C.34:1A-3) is amended to read  
39 as follows:

40 3. The commissioner, as head of the department, shall:

41 (a) Administer the work of the department;

42 (b) Appoint and remove officers and other personnel employed  
43 within the department, subject to the provisions of **【Title 11 of the**  
44 **Revised Statutes】** Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes, Civil  
45 Service, and other applicable statutes, except as herein otherwise  
46 specifically provided;

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- 1 (c) Perform, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and  
2 duties of the department through such divisions as may be  
3 established by this act or otherwise by law;
- 4 (d) Organize the work of the department in such divisions, not  
5 inconsistent with the provisions of this act and in such bureaus and  
6 other organizational units as he may determine to be necessary for  
7 efficient and effective operation;
- 8 (e) Adopt, issue and promulgate, in the name of the department,  
9 such rules and regulations as may be authorized by law;
- 10 (f) Formulate and adopt rules and regulations for the efficient  
11 conduct of the work and general administration of the department,  
12 its officers and employees;
- 13 (g) Institute or cause to be instituted such legal proceedings or  
14 processes as may be necessary properly to enforce and give effect to  
15 any of his powers or duties;
- 16 (h) Make an annual report to the Governor and to the  
17 Legislature of the department's operations, and render such other  
18 reports as the Governor shall from time to time request or as may be  
19 required by law;
- 20 (i) Co-ordinate the activities of the department, and the several  
21 divisions and other agencies therein, in a manner designed to  
22 eliminate overlapping and duplicating functions;
- 23 (j) Integrate within the department, so far as practicable, all  
24 staff services of the department and of the several divisions and  
25 other agencies therein; **[and]**
- 26 (k) Study, in consultation with the Commissioner of Banking  
27 and Insurance, the State's workers' compensation system and make  
28 recommendations that will help foster and maintain an efficient,  
29 effective and well-balanced workers' compensation program that is  
30 equally responsive to the needs of both the State's workforce and  
31 the employer community, and submit a study, with  
32 recommendations, to the Governor and the Legislature not later than  
33 one year after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the  
34 Legislature as this bill), and every five years thereafter; and
- 35 (l) Perform such other functions as may be prescribed in this act  
36 or by any other law.
- 37 (cf: P.L.1948, c.446, s.3)

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39 3. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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42 STATEMENT  
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44 This bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in  
45 certain cases for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second  
46 fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) or a foot, as  
47 follows:

- 48 1. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25% or

1 more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be  
2 calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a  
3 100% loss of function; and

4 2. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25% or  
5 more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be  
6 calculated based on a maximum of 275 weeks of compensation for a  
7 100% loss of function.

8 Under current law, the maximum award for the loss of a hand is  
9 245 weeks and the maximum award for the loss of a foot is 230  
10 weeks.

11 The bill also requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
12 Development to study, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
13 Banking and Insurance, the State's workers' compensation system  
14 and make recommendations that will help foster and maintain an  
15 efficient, effective and well-balanced workers' compensation  
16 program that is equally responsive to the needs of both the State's  
17 workforce and the employer community. The commissioner will  
18 submit a study, with recommendations, to the Governor and the  
19 Legislature not later than one year after the effective date of this bill  
20 and every five years thereafter.

# ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1110

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2019

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1110.

As amended, this bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) or a foot, as follows:

1. For the loss of a thumb, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 80 weeks of compensation;

2. For the loss of a first finger (index finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 60 weeks of compensation;

3. For the loss of a second finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 50 weeks of compensation;

4. For the loss of a third finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 40 weeks of compensation;

5. For the loss of a fourth finger (little finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 30 weeks of compensation;

6. For the loss of a hand, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 260 weeks of compensation;

7. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function;

8. For the loss of a foot, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 250 weeks of compensation; and

9. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 285 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function.

The bill prohibits an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional award for certain amputations, and provides the

amount of the additional reward is not subject to subrogation, as it is not considered to be a payment of compensation except for rating purposes.

Under current law, in the case of the death of a person receiving payments for permanent injury, from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease, the remaining payments are required to be paid to the deceased person's dependents or, if no dependents, the remaining amount due, but not exceeding \$3,500, is required to be paid in a lump sum to the proper person for burial and funeral expenses. The bill increases the maximum amount payable for burial and funeral expenses from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

As amended and released, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 782 (2R).

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) Modify the maximum number of weeks used in calculating the award of workers' compensation for the loss of a thumb, each finger, a hand, and a foot;

(2) Prohibit an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional amount for certain amputations from being added to the award;

(3) Increase the maximum amount payable for burial and funeral expenses from \$3,500 to \$5,000 in the case of the death of a person receiving payments from permanent injury who does not have any dependents; and

(4) Remove the requirement that the commissioner conduct a study of the workers' compensation system.

The amendments make the bill identical to Senate Bill No. 782 (2R) of the 2018-2019 session.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1110

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1110 (1R).

This bill increases the amount of workers' compensation paid in certain cases for the loss of a hand, or thumb and first and second fingers (on one hand) or four fingers (on one hand) or a foot, as follows:

1. For the loss of a thumb, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 80 weeks of compensation;

2. For the loss of a first finger (index finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 60 weeks of compensation;

3. For the loss of a second finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 50 weeks of compensation;

4. For the loss of a third finger, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 40 weeks of compensation;

5. For the loss of a fourth finger (little finger), the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 30 weeks of compensation;

6. For the loss of a hand, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 260 weeks of compensation;

7. If a loss of function of a hand is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 300 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function;

8. For the loss of a foot, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 250 weeks of compensation; and

9. If a loss of function of a foot is determined to be a 25% or more loss of use, the award of workers' compensation shall be calculated based on a maximum of 285 weeks of compensation for a 100% loss of function.

The bill prohibits an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional award for certain amputations, and provides the

amount of the additional reward is not subject to subrogation, as it is not considered to be a payment of compensation except for rating purposes.

Under current law, in the case of the death of a person receiving payments for permanent injury, from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease, the remaining payments are required to be paid to the deceased person's dependents or, if no dependents, the remaining amount due, but not exceeding \$3,500, is required to be paid in a lump sum to the proper person for burial and funeral expenses. The bill increases the maximum amount payable for burial and funeral expenses from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 782 (2R), as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that this bill may result in an indeterminate increase in annual costs to State and local government units due to the increased amounts of workers' compensation to be paid in certain cases. The OLS cannot quantify the annual expenditure increases because it does not have access to historical data on the number of workers' compensation cases to which the provisions of the bill may apply and the associated compensation amounts.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1110 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 18, 2019

### SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot.
- Type of Impact:** Annual increases in State and local government expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury and local government entities.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
Annual State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate
Annual Local Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that this bill may result in indeterminate annual increases in costs to the State and local government units due to higher workers' compensation payments. The OLS cannot quantify the annual expenditure increases because it does not have access to pertinent historical workers' compensation program data.

### BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill increases workers' compensation awards in certain cases. An individual's compensation award generally equals the number of weeks for which the individual is entitled to workers' compensation benefits multiplied by a percentage of the Statewide Average Weekly Wage of all Workers in a given calendar year. Under the bill, the maximum workers' compensation award is to be calculated based on:

- 80 weeks of compensation for the loss of a thumb (currently 75);
- 60 weeks of compensation for the loss of a first (index) finger (currently 50);
- 50 weeks of compensation for the loss of a second finger (currently 40);
- 40 weeks of compensation for the loss of a third finger (currently 30);
- 30 weeks of compensation for the loss of a fourth (little) finger (currently 20);
- 260 weeks of compensation for the loss of either four fingers or a thumb and the first and second fingers (currently 245);

g. 300 weeks of compensation if a loss of function of a hand is determined to be at least 25 percent, which is a new category (currently 245 weeks for the complete loss of a hand); and

h. 285 weeks of compensation if a loss of function of a foot is determined to be at least 25 percent, which is a new category (currently 230 weeks for the complete loss of a foot).

The bill also prohibits an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional award for certain amputations, and provides that the amount of the additional award is not subject to subrogation, as it is not considered a payment of compensation except for rating purposes.

Additionally, the bill increases from \$3,500 to \$5,000 the maximum amount that is to be paid for burial and funeral expenses out of remaining workers' compensation payments for permanent injury when the person receiving the payments for permanent injury dies from any cause other than the accident or occupational disease and has no dependents.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### *EXECUTIVE BRANCH*

None received.

### *OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES*

The OLS notes that this bill may result in indeterminate annual increases in costs to the State and local government units due to higher workers' compensation payments. The OLS cannot quantify the annual expenditure increases because it does not have access to pertinent historical workers' compensation program data.

In Table 1, the OLS contrasts the maximum amounts of workers' compensation a person would receive in calendar year 2020 given the specific injury under current law and the bill. For purposes of illustration, the bill would increase State and local units' expenditures for compensation of a worker who loses a hand by \$50,085, or 36.1 percent.

<b>Table 1: Workers' Compensation Benefit in Calendar Year 2020 by Type of Injury</b>				
	<i>Current Law</i>	<i>A-1110 (1R)</i>	<i>Change Amount</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>
Loss of Thumb	\$18,900	\$20,160	\$1,260	6.7%
Loss of First Finger	\$12,600	\$15,120	\$2,520	20.0%
Loss of Second Finger	\$10,080	\$12,600	\$2,520	25.0%
Loss of Third Finger	\$7,560	\$10,080	\$2,520	33.3%
Loss of Fourth Finger	\$5,040	\$7,560	\$2,520	50.0%
Loss on one Hand of either Four Fingers, or a Thumb and First and Second Fingers	\$138,915	\$147,420	\$8,505	6.1%
Loss of Hand	\$138,915	\$189,000	\$50,085	36.1%
25% Loss of Hand Function or Greater but not Complete Loss	Variable, new category under bill	\$189,000	Variable	Variable
Loss of Foot	\$115,920	\$179,550	\$63,630	54.9%
25% Loss of Foot Function or Greater but not Complete Loss	Variable, new category under bill	\$179,550	Variable	Variable

The bill may also produce an indeterminate, likely insignificant, increase in costs to State and local government units from prohibiting an award of permanent total disability from barring an additional amount for certain amputations from being added to the award.

In addition, the OLS expects the bill's \$1,500 increase in the maximum amount of workers' compensation benefits that may be used to pay for funeral and burial expenses for certain workers' compensation beneficiaries to grow State and local government entities' annual expenditures by an indeterminate, likely insignificant, amount.

Lastly, the OLS notes that the Department of the Treasury reported in its responses to FY 2019 OLS Discussion Points on the Interdepartmental Accounts section of the budget that the State paid \$45.9 million in compensation under the workers' compensation program in FY 2017.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/21/2020

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**S-62/A-2478 (Singleton, Oroho/DeAngelo, Houghtaling, Space)** – Requires certain contractors to register under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act"

**S-358/A-4587 (Rice/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson)** – Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State

**S-376/A-3839 (Madden, Gopal/Moriarty, Lagana, Mukherji, Murphy)** – Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties

**S-497/A-4626 (Vitale, Madden/Mosquera, McKnight, Vainieri Huttie)** – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

**S-498/ACS for A-3391 (Vitale, Oroho/DeCroce, Johnson, DiMaso)** – Makes various changes to "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971"

**S-521/A-4378 (T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Pou, Ruiz/Caputo, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttie)** – Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation

**S-589/ACS for A-422 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Moriarty)** – Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database

**S-700/A-3836 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Schaer, Mukherji, Jasey)** – "Higher Education Citizenship Equality Act"; defines domicile for dependent students for purpose of eligibility for State student grants and scholarships, and resident tuition rate

**S-721/A-1751 (Greenstein, Cunningham, Diegnan/Quijano, Benson)** – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

**S-758/A-1987 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano)** – Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

**S-765/A-541 (Cunningham, T. Kean, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Jasey, Vainieri Huttie, Sumter, Benson)** – Prohibits Higher Education Student Assistance Authority from referring defaulted loans under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program for certain actions if authority and borrower have entered into settlement agreement

**S-782/A-1110 (Sarlo, Scutari/Downey, Houghtaling, Dancer)** – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

**S-834 wGR/A-4186 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin)** – Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists

**S-939/A-3331 (Pou/Vainieri Huttie, Lopez, McKnight)** – Requires forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities to be available in languages other than English

**S-974/A-3040 (Singleton, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttie, Timberlake, Mosquera)** – Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy

- S-1032/A-2389 (Vitale, Gopal/Schaer, Benson, Verrelli)** – Concerns expansion of services provided by DHS mental health screening services
- S-1146/A-2365 (Codey, Rice/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Downey)** – Requires hospital patient's medical record to include notation if patient is at increased risk of confusion, agitation, behavioral problems, and wandering due to dementia related disorder
- S-1298/ACS for A-2972 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton/Mazzeo, Dunn, Space)** – Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services
- S-1318/A-3156 (Ruiz, Scutari/Lampitt, Mosquera)** – Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members
- S-1505/A-1707 (Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Benson, Mosquera)** – Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- S-1647/A-3181 (Diegnan, Codey/Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Murphy)** – Prohibits use of coupons, price rebates, and price reduction promotions in sales of tobacco and vapor products
- S-1683/A-4267 (Smith, Greenstein/McKeon, Space, Wirths)** – Concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries
- S-1703/A-715 (Connors, Holzapfel/Gove, Rumpf, DiMaso)** – Exempts disabled veterans from beach buggy permit fees
- S-1791/A-3414 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling)** – Requires employers to disclose certain wage information to employees
- S-1796/A-4693 (Addiego, Sweeney/Murphy)** – Permits school district of residence to provide aid in-lieu-of transportation to pupil attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology provided certain conditions are met
- S-1832/A-211 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Chiaravalloti, Zwicker, Pintor Marin)** – Establishes loan redemption program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- S-2267/A-3616 (Sweeney, Corrado/Burzichelli, Holley, Calabrese)** – Gives State lottery winners option of remaining anonymous indefinitely
- S-2303/A-4843 (Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham/Wimberly, Karabinchak, Calabrese)** – Requires establishment of Work and Learn Consortiums by certain educational institutions to establish certificate and degree programs identified in high labor-demand industries
- S-2389 wGR/A-5449 (Singleton/Quijano, Downey, Houghtaling, Moriarty)** – Requires New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to establish prescription drug pricing disclosure website and certain pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide prescription drug price information
- S-2428/A-4965 (Scutari/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires that massage and bodywork therapists and employers carry professional liability insurance
- S-2469/A-3745 (Singleton, Oroho/Wirths, Mazzeo, Space)** – Prohibits person from contracting for public work if person is federally debarred from receiving federal contract
- S-2511/A-4020 (Madden/Mazzeo, Murphy, Johnson)** – Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer"
- S-2521/A-4087 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program
- S-2522/A-4090 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Limits cross gender strip searches in

## State correctional facilities

**S-2532/A-4086 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation

**S-2555/A-3990 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, Karabinchak)** – Allows dependent students whose parents or guardians hold H-1B visas to qualify for in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education provided they meet certain criteria

**S-2564/A-3519 (Turner, Singleton/Benson, McKnight, Jasey)** – Establishes "Restorative Justice in Education Pilot Program" in Department of Education

**SCS for S-2599/ACS for A-1268 (Bateman, Beach/Tucker, Conaway, Lampitt, Quijano)** – Authorizes veterans' property tax exemption and veterans' property tax deduction for honorably discharged veterans of United States Armed Forces who did not serve in time of war or other emergency

**S-2826/A-3274 (Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Dancer, Benson)** – Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes for adoption; designated the "Homes for Animal Heroes Act"

**S-2849/A-4590 (A.M. Bucco/DiMaio, Caputo, Dunn)** – Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog

**S-3036/A-1697 (Lagana, Scutari/Dancer, Downey)** – Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies

**S-3061/A-4603 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson)** – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that participate in DOL registered apprenticeship programs; establishes grant program for tax-exempt organizations participating in DOL registered apprenticeship programs

**S-3065/A-4657 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Benson, Timberlake)** – Establishes youth apprenticeship pilot program in Department of Education

**S-3067/A-4602 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter)** – Establishes five year Apprentice Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program

**S-3116/A-4683 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker)** – Requires certain medical facilities to undertake end-of-life planning and training

**S-3117/A-4685 (Ruiz/Speight, Pinkin, Munoz)** – Requires emergency departments to take certain measures concerning palliative care for patients

**S-3126/A-4107 (Gopal/Benson, DeCroce, Chiaravalloti)** – Requires drivers to stop at railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching railroad crossing

**S-3170/A-5145 (Cryan, Pou/Quijano, Milam, Land)** – Increases prenotification time and requires severance pay in certain plant closings, transfers, and mass layoffs

**S-3227/A-5261 (Gopal/Tully, Pinkin, Swain)** – Requires restaurants to post signs advising customers to notify servers of food allergies; requires restaurant managers to complete food allergen training

**S-3265/A-3178 (Turner, Codey, Vitale/Conaway, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle)** – Prohibits sale or distribution of flavored vapor products

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**S-3330 wGR/A-5066 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy)** – Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria

**S-3422/A-6056 (Singer, T. Kean/Houghtaling, Downey, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires declaration of Code Blue

alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

**S-3468/A-5105 (Sweeney, Singleton/Murphy, Karabinchak, Vainieri Huttle)** – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

**S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Downey)** – Authorizes certain health care and social service resources to be made available during Code Blue alert

**S-3581/A-5963 (Singleton/Lopez, Quijano)** – Prohibits certain business financing contracts that contain judgment by confession provisions

**S-3685/A-5345 (Sarlo, Singleton/Mukherji, Conaway, McKnight)** – Establishes program to increase participation of underrepresented students in New Jersey's science and engineering workforce

**S-3756/A-6115 (Ruiz, Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Jasey, Jones, Wirths)** – Requires limited purpose regional school districts to coordinate with constituent districts regarding school calendar and curriculum

**S-3763/A-6116 (Addiego, Bateman, Sarlo/DeAngelo, Dancer, Space)** – Renames joint meetings as regional service agencies; grandfathers existing joint meetings

**S-3869/A-5561 (Sarlo/Burzichelli, Houghtaling)** – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

**S-3871/A-5427 (Bateman, Scutari/DePhillips, McKeon)** – Adds member from Retired Judges Association of New Jersey to State Investment Council

**SCS for S-3878/ACS for A-5394 (Ruiz, Weinberg, Cunningham/Moriarty, McKnight, Pinkin)** – Reaffirms and clarifies that Attorney General and Division on Civil Rights may initiate actions in Superior Court to enforce "Law Against Discrimination"

**S-3920 wGR/A-5552 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter)** – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

**S-3923/A-5680 (Madden, Singleton/Giblin, Timberlake, Murphy)** – Concerns labor harmony agreements for hospitality projects

**SCS for S-3939 and 3944/ACS for A-5681 and 5682 (Smith, Greenstein, Bateman, Codey/Pinkin, Lopez, McKeon)** – Establishes Recycling Market Development Council

**S-3985/A-5663 (Smith/McKeon, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttle)** – Amends "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act" to add definition of "open access offshore wind transmission facility" and revises law concerning "qualified offshore wind projects"

**S-4025/A-5695 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter)** – Makes FY 2020 language allocation of \$1,000,000 appropriated to Grants for Urban Parks to Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson

**S-4162/A-6014 (Smith, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Houghtaling)** – Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University; appropriates up to \$500,000

**S-4165/A-4364 (Rice/Giblin, Caputo, Tucker)** – Expands University Hospital board of directors membership from 11 to 13 members

**S-4188/A-6075 (Beach/Murphy, Dancer, Lampitt)** – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

**S-4200/A-5855 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Lampitt, Holley)** – Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million

**S-4247/A-6049 (Gopal, O'Scanlon/Conaway, Houghtaling, Downey)** – Establishes criteria for distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 funding to Community Food Bank of New Jersey and partner organizations

**S-4264/A-5962 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter, Calabrese)** – Designates State Highway Route 19 as "William J. Pascrell Jr. Highway"

**S-4275/A-6088 (Smith, Greenstein/Burzichelli)** – Allows BPU to increase cost to customers of Class I renewable energy requirement for energy years 2022 through 2024, under certain conditions

**S-4276/A-6109 (Corrado, Bateman/Armato, Calabrese, Land)** – Appropriates \$32,153,936 to State Agriculture Development Committee, and amends 2017 appropriations for stewardship activities, for farmland preservation purposes

**S-4277/A-6112 (Greenstein, Bateman/Freiman, Danielsen, Downey)** – Appropriates \$5,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

**S-4278/A-6108 (Greenstein, Bateman/Taliaferro, Karabinchak, Kennedy)** – Appropriates \$21 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

**S-4279/A-6106 (Smith, Bateman/Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin)** – Appropriates \$1,350,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

**S-4286/A-5890 (Vitale/Swain, Jones)** – Clarifies procedures concerning collection of child support on behalf of child over age 19 when court has ordered such support

**S-4309/A-6107 (Turner, Cruz-Perez/Mejia, Vainieri Huttie, Zwicker)** – Appropriates \$13,902,723 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

**S-4310/A-6114 (Codey, Bateman/Carter, Murphy, Lopez)** – Appropriates \$8,872,682 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

**S-4311/A-6113 (Greenstein, Bateman/Speight, Mukherji, Verrelli)** – Appropriates \$77,450,448 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

**S-4312/A-6111 (Smith, Bateman/Giblin, Mazzeo, Land)** – Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

**S-4313/A-6110 (Corrado, Bateman/Moriarty, McKeon, Swain)** – Appropriates \$33.915 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects

**SCS for S-4315/ACS for A-6063 (Beach, Turner/Jones, Zwicker)** – Creates fund to reimburse local units of government for cost of certain mail-in ballot procedures; appropriates \$3,000,000

**SJR-51/AJR-189 (Rice, Turner/Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter)** – Establishes the "New Jersey State Commission on Urban Violence"

**SJR-65/AJR-90 (Weinberg, Addiego/DiMaso, Vainieri Huttie, Schepisi)** – Designates March 19th "Women in Public Office Day" in New Jersey

**SJR-80/AJR-121 (Lagana, Weinberg/Jones, Benson, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce)** – Urges federal government to adhere to commitment to improve Northeast Corridor rail infrastructure by providing funding to complete Gateway Program

**SJR-125/AJR-169 (Gopal, Codey/Wolfe, Pinkin)** – Designates the second week of October of each year as "Obesity Care Week" in NJ

- A-344/S-1575 (Murphy, McKeon, Timberlake/Cruz-Perez, Singleton)** – Revises certain aspects of the New Jersey Individual Development Account Program
- A-1040/S-3928 (Houghtaling, Taliaferro/Andrzejczak)** – Establishes NJ "Landowner of the Year" award program
- A-1146/S-4330 (Wimberly, Holley/Pou, Singleton)** – Establishes "New Jersey Investing in You Promise Neighborhood Commission"
- A-1277/S-2629 (Tucker, Holley, Lopez/Singleton, Gopal)** – Requires hospitals and homeless shelters to provide information on services and resources to individuals who are homeless or military veterans
- A-1449/S-3168 (Benson, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Turner)** – Provides job security to certain organ and bone marrow donors
- A-1477/S-3228 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jimenez, Mukherji, Downey/Gopal, Scutari)** – Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law"
- A-1478/S-1648 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle/Diegnan, T. Kean)** – Revises law governing theater liquor licenses
- A-1604/S-2734 (Conaway, Murphy, Jimenez/Singleton)** – "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act"
- A-1796/S-2609 (McKeon, Downey/Lagana, Gopal)** – Prevents criminal defendant from asserting "gay and transgender panic" defense to murder charge in order to reduce charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion
- A-1924/S-2930 (Mukherji, A.M. Bucco, DeAngelo, DeCroce/Beach)** – Exempts certain honorably discharged United States military veterans from initial insurance producer licensing fee
- A-1992/S-1780 (Sumter, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling, Wimberly/Diegnan, Turner)** – "New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act"
- A-2183/S-1687 (Land, Johnson/Cruz-Perez, Andrzejczak)** – "Music Therapist Licensing Act"
- ACS for A-2431 wGR/SCS for S-1865 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce/Weinberg, T. Kean)** – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage
- ACS for A-2444 and S-2656/S-2081 (Benson, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji/Turner, Singleton)** – Provides for coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits in Medicaid
- A-2767/S-2924 (Greenwald, Mosquera, McKnight/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Amends certain provisions of sexual assault statute to clarify elements necessary for conviction
- A-3312/S-1972 (Murphy, Lagana, Downey, Sumter/Gopal, Corrado)** – Requires Legislature to adopt and distribute policy prohibiting sexual harassment; requires members, officers, and employees of Legislature to complete online training on policy once every two years
- A-3670/S-995 (Benson, Giblin, Murphy/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Provides for designation of acute stroke ready hospitals, establishes Stroke Care Advisory Panel and Statewide stroke database, and requires development of emergency medical services stroke care protocols
- ACS for A-4136/SCS for S-2675 (Land, Milam/Andrzejczak, Van Drew)** – Establishes Possession In Excess of Daily Limit Vessel License for black sea bass and summer flounder; dedicates fees therefrom to marine fisheries programs
- A-4147/S-2744 (Lampitt, Houghtaling, Zwicker/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school districts and nonpublic schools to conduct audit of security features of buildings, grounds, and communication systems and to submit audit to NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and DOE

- A-4150/S-2742 (Lampitt, Jones, Timberlake/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires meeting between student and appropriate school personnel after multiple suspensions or proposed expulsion from public school to identify behavior or health difficulties
- A-4151/S-2745 (Swain, Tully, Jasey/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school security training for persons employed by public and nonpublic schools in substitute capacity and for employees and volunteers of youth programs operated in school buildings
- A-4260/S-4335 (Timberlake, Giblin, Tucker, Caputo/Pou, Scutari)** – Prohibits sale of certain toy guns and imitation firearms
- A-4370/S-2919 (Carroll/A.M. Bucco)** – Increases membership of board of trustees of Washington Association of New Jersey
- A-4377/S-2934 (Benson, Land, DeCroce/Greenstein)** – Requires DOT and OIT to develop materials concerning capabilities of airports in NJ and establishes "Public Use Airports Task Force"
- A-4517/S-4341 (Wimberly, Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Singleton, Cunningham)** – Establishes "New Jersey Eviction Crisis Task Force"
- A-4529/S-3191 (Mazzeo, Armato/Gopal, Andrezejczak)** – Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud
- A-4563/S-3096 (Zwicker, Benson/Greenstein, Gill)** – Prohibits use of bots to deceive person about origin and content of communication for certain commercial or election purposes
- A-4564/S-3087 (Zwicker, Freiman/Greenstein)** – Establishes "Voting Precinct Transparency Act;" requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data
- A-4699/S-2938 (Moriarty, Burzichelli, Bramnick/Turner)** – Regulates annual report filing services
- A-4803/S-4211 (Greenwald, Johnson, Pintor Marin/Cryan, Vitale)** – Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes
- A-4822/S-3408 (Wimberly, Tully, Swain/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use
- A-4904 wGR/S-3347 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney)** – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances
- A-4954/S-3368 (Quijano, Murphy, Carter/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support services to emergency services personnel
- ACS for A-4972/SCS for S-1490 (Moriarty/Beach, Scutari)** – Establishes certain consumer protections related to arbitration organizations
- A-4978 wGR/S-3498 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttel/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances
- A-5023/S-3467 (McKnight, Mukherji, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti/Cunningham)** – Exempts from DOT permitting requirements certain signs not located in protected areas that have been approved by municipality
- A-5028/S-3523 (Mukherji, Conaway, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Establishes "James Nicholas Rentas's Law," revises "New Jersey SmokeFree Air Act"
- A-5029/S-3522 (Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Johnson/Rice, T. Kean)** – Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women

**A-5031/S-3455 (Speight, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz)** – Requires hospital emergency departments to ask person of childbearing age about recent pregnancy history

**A-5314/S-3692 (Zwicker, Milam, Mazzeo/Cryan, Ruiz)** – Requires DHS to study social isolation occurring in certain population groups

**A-5344/S-3833 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Milam/Gopal, Corrado)** – Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs

**A-5388/S-3895 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz)** – Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas

**A-5389/S-3896 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz)** – Requires training or experience in crime victims' rights for certain members of Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board

**A-5432/S-3796 (Milam, Land/Andrzejczak)** – Requires DEP Commissioner to establish individual transferable quota system for menhaden purse seine fishery

**A-5445/S-3909 (Swain, Tully, Spearman/T. Kean, Corrado)** – Requires AG to establish program to detect fentanyl in State's illegal drug supply and make information related to presence of fentanyl available in database accessible by law enforcement

**A-5511/S-1852 (Spearman, Jones, Reynolds-Jackson/Turner, Cruz-Perez)** – Revises certain penalties for illegal operation of snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike

**A-5580/S-3842 (Johnson, Moriarty, Greenwald/Weinberg, Sarlo)** – Extends availability period for tax credits for certain expenses incurred for production of certain film and digital media content, raises annual cap related to film production, and provides for annual administration of film tax credits

**A-5583/S-3919 (Pinkin, Lopez, Mukherji/Smith, Bateman)** – Prohibits sale, lease, rent, or installation of certain equipment or products containing hydrofluorocarbons or other greenhouse gases

**A-5630/S-3981 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg, Corrado)** – Requires Civil Service Commission to establish and maintain hotline for State employees to submit reports of workplace discrimination and harassment

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**A-5667/S-3933 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Armato, DeCroce, Karabinchak/Singer, Scutari)** – "Charlie's Law"; requires pharmacy practice sites and hospice programs to furnish patients with information and means to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs and medications

**A-5801/S-4064 (Coughlin, Houghtaling, Verrelli/Singleton, Sweeney)** – Concerns responsibility of contractors for wage claims against subcontractors

**A-5817/S-4263 (Mazzeo, Armato/Cunningham, Sweeney, C.A. Brown)** – Allows certain persons to qualify for casino key employee license and casino employee registration

**A-5916/S-4255 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight, Karabinchak/Cunningham, Weinberg)** – Authorizes DOH to notify elected officials of financial distress of certain hospitals

**A-5918/SCS for S-3741 and 4253 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Weinberg, Cunningham, Vitale)** – Expands hospital reporting requirements

**A-5970/S-4201 (Lopez, Speight, Chaparro/Codey)** – Amends list of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding for FY2020 to include new projects, remove certain projects, and modify estimated loan amounts for certain projects

**A-5971/S-4202 (Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Spearman/Bateman, Corrado)** – Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend additional sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020

**A-5972/S-4203 (Pinkin, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Makes changes to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's enabling act

**A-5977/S-4282 (Greenwald, Downey, Vainieri Huttie/Vitale, Singleton)** – Provides for establishment of Regional Health Hub Program as replacement to Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project, and designates existing accountable care organizations and look-alike organizations as Regional Health Hubs

**A-6119/S-4336 (Egan, Houghtaling/Madden)** – Revises "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" and amends definition of registered apprenticeship program

**AJR-35/SJR-159 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce/Cunningham, Greenstein)** – Designates third full week in March as "Domestic Violence Services Awareness Week" to bring awareness of services available to domestic violence victims

**AJR-103/SJR-70 (Rooney, DePhillips, Murphy/Corrado)** – Permanently designates January as "NUT Carcinoma Awareness Month" in New Jersey

**AJR-118/SJR-157 (McKnight, Timberlake, McKeon/Pou, Madden)** – Designates April of each year as "Financial Literacy Month" in New Jersey

**AJR-180/SJR-112 (DeAngelo, McKnight, Murphy/Singleton, Corrado)** – Designates February in each year as "Career and Technical Education Month" in New Jersey

**Governor Murphy declined to sign the following bills, meaning they expire without becoming law:**

**S-691/A-657 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Caputo, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly)** – Requires that if a school district satisfies 80% or more of the required NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum standards in an area of district effectiveness under State intervention, the State must return that area to local control

**S-1083/A-544 (Cruz-Perez, Gopal/Mazzeo, Houghtaling, Holley, Dancer)** – Establishes loan program and provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for establishment of new vineyards and wineries

**S-2421/A-1030 (Smith, Bateman/Johnson, Kennedy, Benson, DeAngelo)** – Concerns installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities

**S-2425/A-3851 (Singleton, Andrzejczak/Conaway)** – Revises law relating to common interest communities

**S-2429/A-4028 (Scutari, Pou/Bramnick, Downey)** – Requires automobile insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances

**S-2835/A-3926 (Singleton, Ruiz/Conaway, Lampitt, Murphy)** – Requires public schools to administer written screenings for depression for students in certain grades

**S-2897/A-1433 (Madden, Singer/Benson, Wimberly, Carter)** – Requires DCA to establish procedures for inspection and abatement of mold hazards in residential buildings and school facilities, and certification programs for mold inspectors and mold hazard abatement workers

**S-2957/A-4712 (Stack/Mukherji, Chaparro)** – Establishes five-year moratorium on conversions of certain residential rental premises in qualified counties

**S-2958/A-4535 (Sarlo, Oroho/Zwicker, DePhillips, DeCroce)** – Establishes the "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership Act"

**S-3062/A-2049 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Howarth, Benson, Murphy)** – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that employ apprentices in DOL registered apprenticeships

**S-3063/A-4655 (Ruiz/Armato, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo)** – Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses

**S-3137/A-1308 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singleton/Greenwald, Milam, Land)** – The "Electronic Construction Procurement Act"

**S-3252/A-4713 (Greenstein, Stack/DeAngelo, Quijano)** – "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes

**S-3263/A-4837 (T. Kean, Diegnan/Vainieri Huttie, Chiaravalloti, McKnight)** – Revises and updates membership and purpose of Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in DHS

**S-3270/A-5095 (Pou/McKeon, Freiman, DeCroce)** – Establishes certain requirements for stop loss insurance offered to small employers

**S-3393/ACS for A-5384 and 5157 (Sarlo, Addiego/Mazzeo, Murphy, Houghtaling, Calabrese, Armato, Dancer)** – Allows certain preserved farms to hold 14 special occasion events per year; imposes further event restrictions on residentially-exposed preserved farms

**S-3770/A-6118 (Sarlo, Oroho, Sweeney/Greenwald, Jones)** – Establishes "New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Review Commission" to provide ongoing review of State and local tax structure, economic conditions, and related fiscal issues

**S-3888/A-5585 (Ruiz/Dancer, Pintor Marin)** – Extends document submission deadlines under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit program

**S-4035/A-5702 (Pou, Singleton/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter)** – Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$1,700,000 for Thomas Edison State University

**S-4281/A-6094 (Smith, Diegnan/Danielsen, Pinkin)** – Requires State to sell and convey to Educational Services Commission of New Jersey certain land and improvements known as Piscataway Regional Day School

**S-4331/A-4727 (Diegnan, Madden/Karabinchak, Holley, Jones)** – Requires person taking written examination for permit to watch video of rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement; requires testing on rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement

**A-491/S-4340 (Jimenez/Sacco, Stack)** – Enhances PFRS accidental death pension for surviving spouse by providing for minimum of \$50,000 annually

**A-1044/S-1441 (Houghtaling, Downey, DiMaio, Space/Doherty, Madden)** – Requires Director of Division of Taxation to examine feasibility of centralized property tax information system to verify property taxes paid by homestead property tax reimbursement claimants

**A-1045/S-2856 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Oroho)** – Clarifies sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-boarding businesses in New Jersey

**A-1526/S-1048 (Zwicker, Johnson/Vitale)** – Concerns payment of independent contractors

**A-2731/S-3407 (Taliaferro, Space/Sweeney, Oroho)** – Removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver

**A-4382/S-2815 (Pinkin, Lopez, Kennedy/Beach, Smith)** – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

**A-4463/S-3927 (Freiman, Egan, Karabinchak/Oroho, Andrzejczak)** – Establishes "Electronic Permit Processing Review System"

**A-4788/S-3880 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese/Diegnan)** – Establishes expedited construction inspection program

**A-5072/S-3496 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Cryan)** – "Defense Against Porch Pirates Act"; creates new category of theft, with penalties including mandatory restitution and community service, for taking package delivered to residence by cargo carrier

**A-5446/S-3907 (Land, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/T. Kean, Lagana)** – Requires reporting of opioid deaths

**A-5629/S-3980 (Pintor Marin, Munoz/Weinberg, Corrado)** – Clarifies provisions concerning disclosure of existence and content of discrimination or harassment complaints; requires certain disclosures to person against whom complaint is made

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**ACS for A-5922 and 5923/SCS for S-4223 and 4224 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Pinkin/Vitale, Sweeney)** – Revises requirements for sale of tobacco and vapor products; increases penalties for prohibited sales; increases fees for cigarette and vapor business licensure

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