

HB 2136 -- SECOND INJURY FUND

SPONSOR: Austin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Division of Workers' Compensation within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to pay certain liabilities of the Second Injury Fund that are not specifically included in the statutory priority payment list in Section 287.220.15, RSMo, on an ongoing basis. These liabilities include:

- (1) Physical rehabilitation payments under Section 287.141.3;
- (2) Medical expenses under Section 287.220.7 incurred after a temporary or final award of future medical benefits; and
- (3) Wage loss benefits under Section 287.220.11.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill clarifies what is prioritized on the list.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Austin and Missouri Attorney General's Office.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.