

HB 2672 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: DeGroot

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Employment Security by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill provides that the Second Injury Fund may pay certain death benefits and ongoing medical expenses prior to payment of other liabilities (Section 287.222, RSMo). In addition, the bill provides that for certain groups of employers that have been granted self-insurance authority and that are deemed insolvent or who file for bankruptcy, the division shall call upon the entire security posted by the group for payment of certain compensation benefits owed under Chapter 287 (Section 287.280).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill provides consistent statutory authority for the Workers' Compensation benefit payment priority schedule.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Degroot and Colleen Vetter, Department of Labor And Industrial Relations - Division of Workers' Compensation.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.