

HB 1032 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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This bill modifies provisions relating to workers compensation by requiring the accident of occupational disease be the prevailing factor in causing the injury and medical condition and the prevailing factor in the need for treatment.

Any savings or insurance of an injured employee or any benefits derived from any other source than the employer's insurer for liability under this chapter shall be considered in determining the compensation due hereunder and employers of professional athletes under contract shall be entitled to full credit for wages or benefits paid to the employee after the injury, including medical, surgical, or hospital benefits paid to or for the employee or his or her dependents on account of the injury, disability, or death, pursuant to the provisions of the contract.

If medical bills are in dispute, the administrative law judge has authority to order the employer to be responsible for any medical benefits owed to the satisfaction of the medical provider.