

HB 163 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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The Division of Workers' Compensation within the Department of Labor may give priority to and pay from the Second Injury Fund, all death benefits related to claims before January 1, 2014 and ongoing medical expenses occurring before January 1, 2014.

If a group of employers who have been granted self-insurance authority under Chapter 537, RSMO or a public sector individual employer granted self-insurance authority under Chapter 537, files for bankruptcy, and fails to pay any of its obligations that are owed to an injured employee or an injured employee's dependent or dependents, the Division shall call upon the entire security posted by the group of employers or public sector individual employer.

The Division may refer all known losses or cases of the group of employers or public sector individual employer to a third-party administrator or any such entity authorized in this state to administer the Workers' Compensation cases. Any unused portion of the security proceeds must be returned to the Division.

This bill is the same as HB 1542 (2020).