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HOUSE BILL NO. 617

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

WORKERS COMPENSATION: Provides for a reduction or offset of workers' compensation for professional athletes

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 23:1225(D), relative to workers' compensation for professional athletes; to
3 provide for an offset of compensation; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 23:1225(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §1225. Reductions when other benefits payable

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8 D. The compensation benefits payable to a professional athlete pursuant to
9 any provision of this Chapter shall be reduced or offset on a dollar-for-dollar basis
10 instead of a week-to-week basis, by an amount equal to the total amount of any of
11 the following:

12 (1) Payment obtained pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

13 (2) Contract work.

14 (3) Severance or termination pay.

15 (4) Injured reserve pay.

16 (5) Grievance or settlement pay.

17 (6) Payment made by the athlete's employer pursuant to any contract or
18 agreement.

19 (7) Any other payment, wage, or financial benefit the athlete may receive.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an offset of workers' compensation benefits for professional athletes.

Present law provides an employer a limited reduction in compensation benefits only when the employee is receiving certain other specially enumerated benefits.

Proposed law provides that workers' compensation benefits for a professional athlete shall be reduced or off-set, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, by an amount equal to the total amount of benefits, wages, or other type of payment he receives, including payments obtained pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement, any contract work, severance or termination pay, injured or reserve pay, or grievance or settlement pay.

(Adds R.S. 23:1225(D))