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A BILL

То	amend sections 4109.08, 4111.09, 4112.07,	1
	4115.07, 4123.54, 4123.83, and 4167.11 of the	2
	Revised Code to allow employers to post certain	3
	labor law notices on the internet	_

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4109.08, 4111.09, 4112.07,	5
4115.07, 4123.54, 4123.83, and 4167.11 of the Revised Code be	6
amended to read as follows:	7
Sec. 4109.08. $\frac{(A)}{(A)}(1)$ No minor shall be employed unless	8
the employer keeps on the premises a complete list of all minors	9
employed by the employer at a particular establishment and a	10
printed abstract to be furnished by the director of commerce-	11
summarizing the provisions of this chapter.	12
The list and abstract shall be posted in plain view in a	13
conspicuous place which is frequented by the largest number of	14
minor employees, and to which all minor employees have access $\underline{.}$	15
(2) No minor shall be employed unless the employer posts	16
an abstract to be furnished by the director of commerce	17

summarizing the provisions of this chapter. The abstract shall	18
be posted in one of the following ways:	19
(a) On the premises in plain view in a conspicuous place	20
which is frequented by the largest number of minor employees,	21
and to which all minor employees have access;	22
(b) On the internet in a manner that is accessible to the	23
<pre>employer's employees.</pre>	24
(B) An enforcement official may require any employer, in	25
or about whose establishment an employee apparently under	26
eighteen years of age is employed and whose age and schooling	27
certificate is not on file with the director of commerce as	28
required by section 3331.01 of the Revised Code, to furnish the	29
enforcement official satisfactory evidence that the employee is	30
in fact eighteen years of age or older. The enforcement official	31
shall require from the employer the same evidence of age of the	32
employee as is required by section 3331.02 of the Revised Code	33
upon the issuance of an age and schooling certificate. No	34
employer shall fail to produce the evidence.	35
(C) Any employee apparently under eighteen years of age,	36
working in any occupation or establishment with respect to which	37
there are restrictions by rule or law governing the employment	38
of minors, with respect to whom the employer has not furnished	39
satisfactory evidence that the person is at or above the age	40
required for performance of employment with the employer after	41
being requested to do so, and who refuses to give to an	42
enforcement official the employee's name, age, and place of	43
residence may be taken into custody and charged with being an	44
unruly child or other appropriate charge under Chapter 2151. or	45
2152. of the Revised Code.	46

(D) No person shall, with the intent to assist a minor to	47
procure employment, make a false statement by any means,	48
including by submitting falsified forms electronically, to any	49
employer or to any person authorized to issue an age and	50
schooling certificate.	51
Sec. 4111.09. (A) Every employer subject to sections	52
4111.01 to 4111.17 of the Revised Code, or to any rules issued	53
thereunder, shall keep a summary of the sections, approved by	54
the director of commerce, and copies of any applicable rules	55
issued thereunder, or a summary of the rules, posted in one of	56
the following ways:	57
(1) In a conspicuous and accessible place in or about the	58
premises wherein any person subject thereto is employed;	59
(2) On the internet in a manner that is accessible to the	60
<pre>employer's employees.</pre>	61
(B) The director of commerce shall make the summary	62
described in this section available on the web site of the	63
department of commerce. The director shall update this summary	64
as necessary, but not less than annually, in order to reflect	65
changes in the minimum wage rate as required under Section 34a	66
of Article II, Ohio Constitution. Employees and employers shall	67
be furnished copies of the summaries and rules by the state, on	68
request, without charge.	69
Sec. 4112.07. Every person subject to division (A), (B),	70
(C), (D), or (E) of section 4112.02 of the Revised Code shall	71
post in a conspicuous place or places on his the person's	72
premises, or on the internet in a manner that is accessible to	73
the public, a notice to be prepared or approved by the	74
commission that shall set forth excerpts of this chapter and	75

other relevant information that the commission deems necessary 76 to explain this chapter. 77

Sec. 4115.07. All contractors and subcontractors required 78 by sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code, and the 79 action of any public authority to pay not less than the 80 prevailing rate of wages shall make full payment of such wages 81 in legal tender, without any deduction for food, sleeping 82 accommodations, transportation, use of small tools, or any other 83 thing of any kind or description. This section does not apply 84 where the employer and employee enter into an agreement in 85 writing at the beginning of any term of employment covering 86 deductions for food, sleeping accommodations, or other similar 87 item, provided such agreement is submitted by the employer to 88 the public authority fixing the rate of wages and is approved by 89 such public authority as fair and reasonable. 90

All contractors or subcontractors falling within or 91 affected by sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code, 92 shall keep full and accurate payroll records with respect to 93 wages paid each employee and the number of hours worked by each 94 employee, covering all disbursements of wages to their employees 9.5 to whom they are required to pay not less than the prevailing 96 rate of wages. Such payroll records shall be open to inspection 97 by any authorized representative of the contracting public 98 authority, including the prevailing wage coordinator or the 99 director of commerce at any reasonable time and as often as may 100 be necessary, and such records shall not be destroyed or removed 101 from the state for the period of one year following the 102 completion of the public improvement in connection with which 103 the records are made. There shall be posted in a prominent and 104 accessible place on the site of the work, or on the internet in 105 a manner that is accessible to the contractor's or 106

following:	
(1) Purposely self-inflicted;	135
(2) Caused by the employee being intoxicated, under the	136

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receive compensation or benefits under this division if the

employee's injury or occupational disease is either of the

influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by a	137
physician, or under the influence of marihuana if being	138
intoxicated, under the influence of a controlled substance not	139
prescribed by a physician, or under the influence of marihuana	140
was the proximate cause of the injury.	141

- (B) For the purpose of this section, provided that an employer has posted written notice to employees that the results of, or the employee's refusal to submit to, any chemical test described under this division may affect the employee's eligibility for compensation and benefits pursuant to this chapter and Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code, there is a rebuttable presumption that an employee is intoxicated, under the influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by the employee's physician, or under the influence of marihuana and that being intoxicated, under the influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by the employee's physician, or under the influence of marihuana is the proximate cause of an injury under either of the following conditions:
 - (1) When any one or more of the following is true:
- (a) The employee, through a qualifying chemical test administered within eight hours of an injury, is determined to have an alcohol concentration level equal to or in excess of the levels established in divisions (A)(1)(b) to (i) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code.
- (b) The employee, through a qualifying chemical test

 administered within thirty-two hours of an injury, is determined

 to have a controlled substance not prescribed by the employee's

 physician or marihuana in the employee's system at a level equal

 to or in excess of the cutoff concentration level for the

 particular substance as provided in section 40.87 of Title 49 of

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the Code of Federal Regulations, 49 C.F.R. 40.87, as amended.	167
(c) The employee, through a qualifying chemical test	168
administered within thirty-two hours of an injury, is determined	169
to have barbiturates, benzodiazepines, or methadone in the	170
employee's system that tests above levels established by	171
laboratories certified by the United States department of health	172
and human services.	173
(2) When the employee refuses to submit to a requested	174
chemical test, on the condition that that employee is or was	175
given notice that the refusal to submit to any chemical test	176
described in division (B)(1) of this section may affect the	177
employee's eligibility for compensation and benefits under this	178
chapter and Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code.	179
(C)(1) For purposes of division (B) of this section, a	180
chemical test is a qualifying chemical test if it is	181
administered to an employee after an injury under at least one	182
of the following conditions:	183
(a) When the employee's employer had reasonable cause to	184
suspect that the employee may be intoxicated, under the	185
influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by the	186
employee's physician, or under the influence of marihuana;	187
(b) At the request of a police officer pursuant to section	188
4511.191 of the Revised Code, and not at the request of the	189
<pre>employee's employer;</pre>	190
(c) At the request of a licensed physician who is not	191
employed by the employee's employer, and not at the request of	192
the employee's employer.	193
(2) As used in division (C)(1)(a) of this section,	194
"reasonable cause" means, but is not limited to, evidence that	195

an employee is or was using alcohol, a controlled substance, or	196
marihuana drawn from specific, objective facts and reasonable	197
inferences drawn from these facts in light of experience and	198
training. These facts and inferences may be based on, but are	199
not limited to, any of the following:	200
(a) Observable phenomena, such as direct observation of	201
use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, a controlled	202
substance, or marihuana, or of the physical symptoms of being	203
under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or	204
marihuana, such as but not limited to slurred speech; dilated	205
pupils; odor of alcohol, a controlled substance, or marihuana;	206
changes in affect; or dynamic mood swings;	207
(b) A pattern of abnormal conduct, erratic or aberrant	208
behavior, or deteriorating work performance such as frequent	209
absenteeism, excessive tardiness, or recurrent accidents, that	210
appears to be related to the use of alcohol, a controlled	211
substance, or marihuana, and does not appear to be attributable	212
to other factors;	213
(c) The identification of an employee as the focus of a	214
criminal investigation into unauthorized possession, use, or	215
trafficking of a controlled substance or marihuana;	216
(d) A report of use of alcohol, a controlled substance, or	217
marihuana provided by a reliable and credible source;	218
(e) Repeated or flagrant violations of the safety or work	219
rules of the employee's employer, that are determined by the	220
employee's supervisor to pose a substantial risk of physical	221
injury or property damage and that appear to be related to the	222
use of alcohol, a controlled substance, or marihuana and that do	223

not appear attributable to other factors.

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(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect	225
the rights of an employer to test employees for alcohol or	226
controlled substance abuse.	227
(E) For the purpose of this section, laboratories	228
certified by the United States department of health and human	229
services or laboratories that meet or exceed the standards of	230
that department for laboratory certification shall be used for	231
processing the test results of a qualifying chemical test.	232
(F) The written notice required by division (B) of this	233
section shall be the same size or larger than the proof of	234
workers' compensation coverage furnished by the bureau of	235
workers' compensation and shall be posted by the employer in the	236
same location as the proof of workers' compensation coverage or	237
the certificate of self-insurance. An employer may post the	238
written notice required by division (B) of this section on the	239
internet in a manner that is accessible to the employer's	240
<pre>employees.</pre>	241
(G) If a condition that pre-existed an injury is	242
substantially aggravated by the injury, and that substantial	243
aggravation is documented by objective diagnostic findings,	244
objective clinical findings, or objective test results, no	245
compensation or benefits are payable because of the pre-existing	246
condition once that condition has returned to a level that would	247
have existed without the injury.	248
(H)(1) Whenever, with respect to an employee of an	249
employer who is subject to and has complied with this chapter,	250
there is possibility of conflict with respect to the application	251
of workers' compensation laws because the contract of employment	252

is entered into and all or some portion of the work is or is to

be performed in a state or states other than Ohio, the employer

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and the employee may agree to be bound by the laws of this state	255
or by the laws of some other state in which all or some portion	256
of the work of the employee is to be performed. The agreement	257
shall be in writing and shall be filed with the bureau of	258
workers' compensation within ten days after it is executed and	259
shall remain in force until terminated or modified by agreement	260
of the parties similarly filed. If the agreement is to be bound	261
by the laws of this state and the employer has complied with	262
this chapter, then the employee is entitled to compensation and	263
benefits regardless of where the injury occurs or the disease is	264
contracted and the rights of the employee and the employee's	265
dependents under the laws of this state are the exclusive remedy	266
against the employer on account of injury, disease, or death in	267
the course of and arising out of the employee's employment. If	268
the agreement is to be bound by the laws of another state and	269
the employer has complied with the laws of that state, the	270
rights of the employee and the employee's dependents under the	271
laws of that state are the exclusive remedy against the employer	272
on account of injury, disease, or death in the course of and	273
arising out of the employee's employment without regard to the	274
place where the injury was sustained or the disease contracted.	275
If an employer and an employee enter into an agreement under	276
this division, the fact that the employer and the employee	277
entered into that agreement shall not be construed to change the	278
status of an employee whose continued employment is subject to	279
the will of the employer or the employee, unless the agreement	280
contains a provision that expressly changes that status.	281

(2) If an employee or the employee's dependents receive an award of compensation or benefits under this chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code for the same injury, occupational disease, or death for which the employee or the

employee's dependents previously pursued or otherwise elected to	286
accept workers' compensation benefits and received a decision on	287
the merits as defined in section 4123.542 of the Revised Code	288
under the laws of another state or recovered damages under the	289
laws of another state, the claim shall be disallowed and the	290
administrator or any self-insuring employer, by any lawful	291
means, may collect from the employee or the employee's	292
dependents any of the following:	293
(a) The amount of compensation or benefits paid to or on	294
behalf of the employee or the employee's dependents by the	295
administrator or a self-insuring employer pursuant to this	296
chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code	297
for that award;	298
(b) Any interest, attorney's fees, and costs the	299
administrator or the self-insuring employer incurs in collecting	300
that payment.	301
(3) If an employee or the employee's dependents receive an	302
award of compensation or benefits under this chapter or Chapter	303
4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code and subsequently	304
pursue or otherwise elect to accept workers' compensation	305
benefits or damages under the laws of another state for the same	306
injury, occupational disease, or death the claim under this	307
chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code	308
shall be disallowed. The administrator or a self-insuring	309
employer, by any lawful means, may collect from the employee or	310
the employee's dependents or other-states' insurer any of the	311
following:	312
(a) The amount of compensation or benefits paid to or on	313
behalf of the employee or the employee's dependents by the	314

administrator or the self-insuring employer pursuant to this

chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code	316
for that award;	317
(b) Any interest, costs, and attorney's fees the	318
administrator or the self-insuring employer incurs in collecting	319
that payment;	320
(c) Any costs incurred by an employer in contesting or	321
responding to any claim filed by the employee or the employee's	322
dependents for the same injury, occupational disease, or death	323
that was filed after the original claim for which the employee	324
or the employee's dependents received a decision on the merits	325
as described in section 4123.542 of the Revised Code.	326
(4) If the employee's employer pays premiums into the	327
state insurance fund, the administrator shall not charge the	328
amount of compensation or benefits the administrator collects	329
pursuant to division (H)(2) or (3) of this section to the	330
employer's experience. If the administrator collects any costs	331
incurred by an employer in contesting or responding to any claim	332
pursuant to division (H)(2) or (3) of this section, the	333
administrator shall forward the amount collected to that	334
employer. If the employee's employer is a self-insuring	335
employer, the self-insuring employer shall deduct the amount of	336
compensation or benefits the self-insuring employer collects	337
pursuant to this division from the paid compensation the self-	338
insuring employer reports to the administrator under division	339
(L) of section 4123.35 of the Revised Code.	340
(5) If an employee is a resident of a state other than	341
this state and is insured under the workers' compensation law or	342
similar laws of a state other than this state, the employee and	343
the employee's dependents are not entitled to receive	344

compensation or benefits under this chapter, on account of

njury, disease, or death arising out of or in the course of mployment while temporarily within this state, and the rights of the employee and the employee's dependents under the laws of the other state are the exclusive remedy against the employer on	346
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	account of the injury, disease, or death.

(6) An employee, or the dependent of an employee, who 351 elects to receive compensation and benefits under this chapter 352 or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code for a 353 claim may not receive compensation and benefits under the 354 355 workers' compensation laws of any state other than this state for that same claim. For each claim submitted by or on behalf of 356 an employee, the administrator or, if the employee is employed 357 by a self-insuring employer, the self-insuring employer, shall 358 request the employee or the employee's dependent to sign an 359 election that affirms the employee's or employee's dependent's 360 acceptance of electing to receive compensation and benefits 361 under this chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the 362 Revised Code for that claim that also affirmatively waives and 363 releases the employee's or the employee's dependent's right to 364 file for and receive compensation and benefits under the laws of 365 any state other than this state for that claim. The employee or 366 employee's dependent shall sign the election form within twenty-367 eight days after the administrator or self-insuring employer 368 submits the request or the administrator or self-insuring 369 employer shall dismiss that claim. 370

In the event a workers' compensation claim has been filed 371 in another jurisdiction on behalf of an employee or the 372 dependents of an employee, and the employee or dependents 373 subsequently elect to receive compensation, benefits, or both 374 under this chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the 375 Revised Code, the employee or dependent shall withdraw or refuse 376

acceptance of the workers' compensation claim filed in the other	377
jurisdiction in order to pursue compensation or benefits under	378
the laws of this state. If the employee or dependents were	379
awarded workers' compensation benefits or had recovered damages	380
under the laws of the other state, any compensation and benefits	381
awarded under this chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of	382
the Revised Code shall be paid only to the extent to which those	383
payments exceed the amounts paid under the laws of the other	384
state. If the employee or dependent fails to withdraw or to	385
refuse acceptance of the workers' compensation claim in the	386
other jurisdiction within twenty-eight days after a request made	387
by the administrator or a self-insuring employer, the	388
administrator or self-insuring employer shall dismiss the	389
employee's or employee's dependents' claim made in this state.	390

- (I) If an employee who is covered under the federal 391 "Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act," 98 Stat. 1639, 392 33 U.S.C. 901 et seq., is injured or contracts an occupational 393 disease or dies as a result of an injury or occupational 394 disease, and if that employee's or that employee's dependents' 395 claim for compensation or benefits for that injury, occupational 396 disease, or death is subject to the jurisdiction of that act, 397 the employee or the employee's dependents are not entitled to 398 apply for and shall not receive compensation or benefits under 399 this chapter and Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code. The rights 400 of such an employee and the employee's dependents under the 401 federal "Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act," 98 402 Stat. 1639, 33 U.S.C. 901 et seq., are the exclusive remedy 403 against the employer for that injury, occupational disease, or 404 death. 405
- (J) Compensation or benefits are not payable to a claimant 406 or a dependent during the period of confinement of the claimant 407

or dependent in any state or federal correctional institution,	408
or in any county jail in lieu of incarceration in a state or	409
federal correctional institution, whether in this or any other	410
state for conviction of violation of any state or federal	411
criminal law.	412
(K) An employer, upon the approval of the administrator,	413
may provide for workers' compensation coverage for the	414
employer's employees who are professional athletes and coaches	415
by submitting to the administrator proof of coverage under a	416
league policy issued under the laws of another state under	417
either of the following circumstances:	418
(1) The employer administers the payroll and workers'	419
compensation insurance for a professional sports team subject to	420
a collective bargaining agreement, and the collective bargaining	421
agreement provides for the uniform administration of workers'	422
compensation benefits and compensation for professional	423
athletes.	424
(2) The employer is a professional sports league, or is a	425
member team of a professional sports league, and all of the	426
following apply:	427
(a) The professional sports league operates as a single	428
entity, whereby all of the players and coaches of the sports	429
league are employees of the sports league and not of the	430
individual member teams.	431
(b) The professional sports league at all times maintains	432
workers' compensation insurance that provides coverage for the	433
players and coaches of the sports league.	434
(c) Each individual member team of the professional sports	435
league, pursuant to the organizational or operating documents of	436

the sports league, is obligated to the sports league to pay to

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the sports league any workers' compensation claims that are not

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covered by the workers' compensation insurance maintained by the

sports league.

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If the administrator approves the employer's proof of 441 coverage submitted under division (K) of this section, a 442 professional athlete or coach who is an employee of the employer 443 and the dependents of the professional athlete or coach are not 444 entitled to apply for and shall not receive compensation or 445 benefits under this chapter and Chapter 4121. of the Revised 446 447 Code. The rights of such an athlete or coach and the dependents of such an athlete or coach under the laws of the state where 448 the policy was issued are the exclusive remedy against the 449 employer for the athlete or coach if the athlete or coach 450 suffers an injury or contracts an occupational disease in the 451 course of employment, or for the dependents of the athlete or 452 the coach if the athlete or coach is killed as a result of an 453 injury or dies as a result of an occupational disease, 454 regardless of the location where the injury was suffered or the 455 occupational disease was contracted. 456

Sec. 4123.83. Each employer paying premiums into the state 457 insurance fund or electing directly to pay compensation to the 458 employer's injured employees or the dependents of the employer's 459 killed employees as provided in section 4123.35 of the Revised 460 Code, shall post conspicuously in the employer's place or places 461 of employment notices, which shall be furnished at least 462 annually by the bureau of workers' compensation. The employer 463 shall post the notice conspicuously in the employer's place or 464 places of employment or on the internet in a manner that is 465 accessible to the employer's employees. The notice shall state 466 that it is proof of workers' compensation coverage, or that the 467

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employer has complied with section 4123.35 of the Revised Code	468
and has been authorized by the administrator of workers'	469
compensation directly to compensate employees or dependents, and	470
the date of the authorization. The notice shall indicate that	471
coverage is contingent on continued payment of premiums and	472
assessments due. The notice, when posted, constitutes sufficient	473
notice to the employer's employees of the fact that the employer	474
carries workers' compensation coverage or that the employer has	475
complied with the elective provisions of section 4123.35 of the	476
Revised Code.	477

- Sec. 4167.11. (A) In order to further the purposes of this chapter, the administrator of workers' compensation shall develop and maintain, for public employers and public employees, an effective program of collection, compilation, and analysis of employment risk reduction statistics.
- (B) To implement and maintain division (A) of this 483 section, the administrator, with the advice and consent of the 484 bureau of workers' compensation board of directors, shall adopt 485 rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that 486 extend to all of the following: 487
- (1) Requiring each public employer to make, keep, and 488 preserve, and make available to the administrator, reports and 489 records regarding the public employer's activities, as 490 determined by the rule that are necessary or appropriate for the 491 enforcement of this chapter or for developing information 492 regarding the causes and prevention of occupational accidents 493 and illnesses. The rule shall prescribe which of these reports 494 and records shall or may be furnished to public employees and 495 public employee representatives. 496
 - (2) Requiring every public employer, through posting of

Code are hereby repealed.

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notices or other appropriate means, to keep their public	498
employees informed of public employees' rights and obligations	499
under this chapter, including the provisions of applicable Ohio	500
employment risk reduction standards+. The rule shall allow any	501
required notice to be posted on the internet in a manner that is	502
accessible to the public employer's employees.	503
(3) Requiring public employers to maintain accurate	504
records of public employee exposure to potentially toxic	505
materials, carcinogenic materials, and harmful physical agents	506
that are required to be monitored or measured under rules	507
adopted under the guidelines of division (C) of section 4167.07	508
of the Revised Code. The rule shall provide public employees or	509
public employee representatives an opportunity to observe the	510
monitoring or measuring, and to have access on request to the	511
records thereof, and may provide public employees or public	512
employee representatives an opportunity to participate in and to	513
undertake their own monitoring or measuring. The rules also	514
shall permit each current or former public employee to have	515
access to the records that indicate their own exposure to toxic	516
materials, carcinogenic materials, or harmful agents.	517
(C) The administrator shall obtain any information under	518
division (B) of this section with a minimum burden upon the	519
public employer and shall, to the maximum extent feasible,	520
reduce unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining the	521
information.	522
Section 2. That existing sections 4109.08, 4111.09,	523
4112.07, 4115.07, 4123.54, 4123.83, and 4167.11 of the Revised	524