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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--  
PROCEDURE

Introduced By: Representative Kenneth A. Vaudreuil

Date Introduced: February 25, 2010

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-35-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-35 entitled "Workers'  
2 Compensation - Procedure" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-35-6. Notice of amendments to memorandum of agreement.** -- (a) If the workers'  
4 compensation court makes any amendment or addition to the memorandum of agreement, the  
5 administrator of the workers' compensation court shall immediately notify the department of the  
6 changes in the agreement.

7 (b) If an employer or insurer and an employee and his or her attorney, if represented,  
8 reach an agreement, subsequent to the filing of a memorandum of agreement, order, or decree, as  
9 to any issue, the parties shall file a written agreement and receipt with the department, signed by  
10 the parties, and on a form prescribed by the department. A copy of any agreement and receipt  
11 shall be delivered to each of the parties. Upon the filing of the agreement and receipt with the  
12 department, it shall be as binding upon both parties as a preliminary determination order or  
13 decree.

14 (c) The attorney for an injured worker shall be entitled to a counsel fee reasonably  
15 compensating him or her for the services he or she rendered on behalf of the injured worker in  
16 securing the relief sought.

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1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would provide that the attorney for an injured worker shall be entitled to a  
2   counsel fee reasonably compensating him or her for the services he or she rendered on behalf of  
3   the injured worked in securing the relief sought.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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