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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Introduced By: Senators Picard, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: February 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-33-20.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-33 entitled
2 "Workers' Compensation - Benefits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-33-20.1. Computation of earnings for recurrence -- Burden of employee to**
4 **establish recurrence.** -- (a) In the event a person collecting benefits under this chapter,
5 regardless of the date of injury, has returned to employment for a period of twenty-six (26) weeks
6 or more and suffers a recurrence of the injury which precipitated the person collecting benefits
7 under this chapter, the average weekly wage is ascertained by dividing the gross wages earned by
8 the injured worker in employment by the employer in whose service he or she is injured during
9 the thirteen (13) calendar weeks immediately preceding the week in which he or she suffered the
10 recurrence, by the number of calendar weeks during which, or any portion of which, the worker
11 was actually employed by that employer; but, in making this computation, absence for seven (7)
12 consecutive calendar days, although not in the same calendar week, is considered as absence for a
13 calendar week.

14 (b) For all petitions filed, to prove recurrence or decrease of incapacity to work,
15 regardless of the date of injury, ~~the employee must document that the incapacity has increased or~~
16 ~~returned without the need for the employee~~ neither party shall be required to document a
17 comparative change of condition.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that neither party filing a petition to show a recurrence or
- 2 decrease of incapacity, be required to document a comparative change of condition.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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