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SENATE BILL 21-096

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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(None),

Senate Committees

Business, Labor, & Technology

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
102 CLASSIFICATION APPEALS BOARD, AND, IN CONNECTION
103 THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED
104 IN THE 2020 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
105 REGULATORY AGENCIES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Sunset Process - Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee. Current law requires the commissioner of insurance

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

(commissioner) to appoint 2 members to the workers' compensation classification appeals board who are salaried employees of an insurance company that issues workers' compensation insurance policies in this state or who are representatives of Pinnacol Assurance. The bill gives the commissioner the additional option to appoint insurance agents to these 2 seats and to appoint an insurance agent to serve as an alternate member if one of the appointed members recuses himself or herself. The bill continues the workers' compensation classification appeals board until 2032.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-55-101, **amend**
3 (1)(a) and (2) as follows:

4 **8-55-101. Workers' compensation classification appeals board**
5 **- creation.** (1) There is hereby created, in the division of insurance in the
6 department of regulatory agencies, the workers' compensation
7 classification appeals board. The board shall hear grievances brought by
8 employers against insurers and Pinnacol Assurance concerning the
9 calculation of experience modification factors and classification
10 assignment decisions. The board shall consist of five voting members,
11 each of whom shall be knowledgeable about workers' compensation
12 classification and experience modification factors, and one nonvoting
13 member, as follows:

14 (a) (I) Two members ~~shall be either~~ MUST BE:

15 (A) Salaried employees of an insurance company that issues
16 workers' compensation insurance policies in this state; ~~or~~

17 (B) Representatives of Pinnacol Assurance; OR

18 (C) INSURANCE AGENTS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.

19 (II) ~~Such~~ THE two members ~~shall~~ MUST not both represent
20 Pinnacol Assurance or the same insurance company. In addition, one

1 person ~~shall~~ MUST be selected to serve as an alternate member to
2 represent the interests of the insurance industry, ~~or~~ Pinnacol Assurance,
3 OR INSURANCE AGENTS. The alternate shall represent such interests ~~in the~~
4 ~~event~~ IF the primary member recuses himself or herself.

5 (2) THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE SHALL APPOINT the private
6 employer members and the members representing insurers, INSURANCE
7 AGENTS, and Pinnacol Assurance. ~~shall be appointed by the commissioner~~
8 ~~of insurance.~~ The workers' compensation rating organization
9 representative shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of such
10 organization or by another officer designated to make such appointment.
11 The commissioner may solicit a list of nominees from any interested party
12 before making such appointments. The commissioner shall immediately
13 notify the workers' compensation rating organization concerning the
14 identity of any appointees.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-55-105, **amend** (1)
16 as follows:

17 **8-55-105. Repeal of article.** (1) This ~~article~~ ARTICLE 55 is
18 repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2021~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2032.

19 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
20 (20)(a)(I); and **add** (33)(a)(II) as follows:

21 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
22 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
23 **declaration - repeal.** (20) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
24 will repeal on July 1, 2021:

25 (I) ~~The workers' compensation classification appeals board~~
26 ~~created in article 55 of title 8, C.R.S.;~~

27 (33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled

1 for repeal on September 1, 2032:

2 (II) THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLASSIFICATION APPEALS
3 BOARD CREATED IN ARTICLE 55 OF TITLE 8.

4 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.