

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Workers' compensation - professional athletes.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to workers' compensation; authorizing
2 workers' compensation coverage for professional athletes;
3 providing a definition; conforming a provision; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-14-102(a)(vii)(F) and by creating
9 a new paragraph (xxix) and 27-14-108 by creating a new
10 subsection (q) are amended to read:

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12 **27-14-102. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this act:

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1 (vii) "Employee" means any person engaged in any
2 extrahazardous employment under any appointment, contract
3 of hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or
4 written, and includes legally employed minors and aliens
5 authorized to work by the United States department of
6 justice, immigration and naturalization service.

7 "Employee" does not include:

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9 (F) A professional athlete, except as
10 provided in W.S. 27-14-108 (q);

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12 (xxix) "Professional athlete" means an
13 individual who receives payment from a team owner for
14 competing on a baseball, basketball, football, hockey or
15 soccer team having its principal place of business in
16 Wyoming.

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18 **27-14-108. Extrahazardous industries, employments,**
19 **occupations; enumeration; definitions; optional coverage.**

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21 (q) A team owner shall obtain coverage under this act
22 for professional athletes as defined in W.S. 27-14-
23 102(a)(xxix). For the purpose of determining employer
24 contributions under this act, all professional athletes for

1 whom coverage is obtained are deemed to be paid, for each
2 month during which competition or team practice is held,
3 the average monthly wage most recently computed pursuant to
4 W.S. 27-14-802(b) .

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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