

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0125

Workplace injury assistance-information and guidance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Connolly, Greear and Wilson
and Senator(s) Anderson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to labor and employment; requiring the
2 director of the department of workforce services to provide
3 information and guidance to employers and employees
4 regarding workplace injuries; requiring reporting; making a
5 conforming amendment; and providing for effective dates.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2602(b)(vi), (vii), by creating
10 a new paragraph (viii) and by creating a new subsection (d)
11 and 27-14-801(e) by creating a new paragraph (iv) are
12 amended to read:

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14 **9-2-2602. Director of department; appointment;**
15 **removal; duties.**

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2 (b) The director shall:

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4 (vi) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations
5 in compliance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
6 Act; ~~and~~

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8 (vii) Appoint a separate administrator for each
9 of the divisions of the department of workforce services
10 and may discharge the administrators as provided in W.S.
11 9-2-1706(c)(ii); ~~and~~

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13 (viii) Provide information and guidance to
14 employers and employees regarding workplace injuries as
15 specified under this paragraph. The director shall widely
16 disseminate information about the resources available to
17 employers and employees under this paragraph and shall
18 provide information and guidance regarding:

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20 (A) The rights and responsibilities of
21 employers and employees under the law;

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1 (B) The administrative processes available
2 for resolving workers' compensation claims when an employer
3 and employee are subject to the Worker's Compensation Act;

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5 (C) The completion of forms required under
6 any applicable administrative process;

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8 (D) Available local, state and federal
9 financial assistance, rehabilitation and work placement
10 programs, as well as other social services that the
11 director considers appropriate; and

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13 (E) Available liability insurance or
14 industrial insurance providers offering coverage for
15 self-insured employers.

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17 (d) Not later than September 30 of each year, the
18 department shall provide a report to the joint labor,
19 health and social services interim committee relating to
20 information and guidance required to be provided under
21 paragraph (b)(viii) of this section. The report shall
22 provide for the number of people using the information and
23 guidance provided by the department and distinguish between

1 information and guidance provided specific to the Worker's
2 Compensation Act and generally provided regarding workplace
3 injuries under the law.

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5 **27-14-801. Duties of director.**

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7 (e) The director shall:

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9 (iv) Provide information and guidance to
10 employers and employees as provided by W.S.
11 9-2-2602(b)(viii).

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13 **Section 2.** The director of the department of
14 workforce services shall promulgate all rules necessary to
15 implement this act on or before July 1, 2022.

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1 **Section 3.**

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3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
4 section, this act is effective July 1, 2022.

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6 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective
7 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
8 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
9 the Wyoming Constitution.

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