

Bill No.: HB0059 **Effective:** **Immediately**

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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0006

Chapter No.: 16

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **Worker's compensation-COVID-19.**

Subject: COVID-19 worker's compensation injures.

Summary/Major Elements:

- In 2020, the Legislature passed Senate File 1002 (2020 Wyo. Spec. Sess. Laws, Ch. 2), which established that a COVID-19 illness would be presumed to be an injury covered under the worker's compensation program from January 1, 2020, to December 30, 2020, and provided that COVID-19 related claims made on or before December 30, 2020, would not be included in an employer's experience rating.
- In 2021, the Legislature passed Senate File 0019 (2021 Wyo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 118), which extended the time period for which a COVID-19 illness would be presumed to be an injury covered under the worker's compensation program to March 31, 2022, but it did not extend the time period for which such claims would not be included in an employer's experience rating.
- This act extends and amends the time period for which compensable injures rated to COVID-19 will not be included in employer's experience rating. It applies to injuries that occur before March 31, 2022, and that are filed before March 31, 2023.
- The act also repeals language requiring that available federal relief funds be deposited in the worker's compensation fund to cover the estimated cost of the coverage provided for COVID-19 illnesses.

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