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FROM:

Bob Conlin Leg. Council

MESSAGE:

Gordon:

Here's the draft Fernbach worked on for Rep. Johnsrud. Rep. Johnsrud would like this turned into an amendment to the WC bill (AB 505) which is on the floor today.

If you have questions, let me know. Otherwise, Larry in Johnsrud's office knows about this.

Bob Conlin 6-2298



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO:

REPRESENTATIVE DU WAYNE JOHNSRUD

FROM:

Dan Fernbach, Senior Staff Attorney

RE:

WICS: 0017/1, Relating to Providing an Exception to the Exclusive Remedy Provision

Under the Worker's Compensation Law

DATE:

November 27, 2000

Pursuant to your request, the attached draft, WLCS: 0017/1, creates an additional exception to the "exclusive remedy" requirements of Wisconsin's Worker's Compensation (WC) law.

#### <u>Present Law</u>

Under present s. 102.03 (2), Stats., an employee who suffers an on-the-job injury may only be compensated in accordance with the provisions of ch. 102, Stats., Wisconsin's WC law, which shall be the employee's "exclusive remedy" against the employer, any coemployee and the employer's WC insurance carrier.

However, s. 102.03 (2) contains three exceptions which permit an employee to maintain an independent lawsuit against a coemployee:

- 1. For an assault intended to cause bodily harm;
- 2. For negligent operation of a motor vehicle not owned or leased by the employer, or
- 3. If a governmental unit would be liable under a collective bargaining agreement or a local ordinance to pay judgments against employees.

### PROVISIONS OF WLCS: 0017/1

WLCS: 0017/1 creates an additional exception to the above-described "exclusive remedy" provision of our WC law to allow an employee to maintain an independent cause of action against a

coemployee who has made a defamatory or libelous statement that causes emotional distress or physical harm to the employee.

Like the existing exceptions, the new exception allows a cause of action only against a coemployee of the same employer, but not against the employer or the employer's WC insurer.

Attachment

Worker's Compensation: Exclusive Remedy Exception

WLCS: 0017/1

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11/27/2000

AN ACT to amend 102.03 (2) of the statutes; relating to: providing an exception to the exclusive remedy provision under the worker's compensation law.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 102.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

this chapter shall be the exclusive remedy against the employer, any other employee of the same employer and the worker's compensation insurance carrier. This section does not limit the right of an employee to bring action against any coemployee for an assault intended to cause bodily harm, or against a coemployee for negligent operation of a motor vehicle not owned or leased by the employer, or against a coemployee who makes a defamatory online out statement causing emotional distress or physical injury to an employee, or against a coemployee of the same employer to the extent that there would be liability of a governmental unit to pay judgments against employees under a collective bargaining agreement or a local ordinance.

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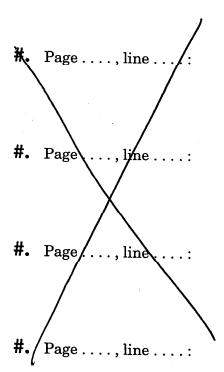
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Section #. 102.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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102.03 (2) Where such conditions exist the right to the recovery of compensation under this chapter shall be the exclusive remedy against the employer, any other employee of the same employer and the worker's compensation insurance carrier. This section does not limit the right of an employee to bring action against any coemployee for an assault intended to cause bodily harm, exagainst a coemployee for negligent operation of a motor vehicle not owned or leased by the employer, or against a coemployee of the same employer to the extent that there would be liability of a governmental unit to pay judgments against employees under a collective bargaining agreement or a local ordinance.

History 1971 c. 148, 307, 324; 1975 c. 147 ss. 15, 54; 1977 c. 195, 272, 418; 1979 c. 278; 1981 c. 92; 1983 a. 98; 1985 a. 83; 1993 a. 49, 370, 490, 492.

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against a coemployee for a defamatory statement causing emotional distress or physical injury to the employee,