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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 308

May 8, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives SPIROS, KNODL, ALLEN, R. BROOKS, JACQUE, KREMER, MACCO, PETERSEN, QUINN, THIESFELDT and HUTTON, cosponsored by Senators STROEBEL, KAPENGA, MARKLEIN, NASS and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Labor.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 15.227 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the composition of the
2 Council on Worker's Compensation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes various changes to the Council on Worker's Compensation in the Department of Workforce Development. Under current law, the council consists of a designated employee of DWD who serves as chairperson, five representatives of employers, five representatives of employees, and, as nonvoting members, three representatives of worker's compensation insurers authorized to do business in this state. Under the bill, the proportion of representatives of employees who are representatives of organized labor on the council must be the same as the proportion of employees in this state who are union members.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 15.227 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 15.227 (4) COUNCIL ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION. There is created in the
5 department of workforce development a council on worker's compensation appointed
6 by the secretary of workforce development to consist of a designated employee of the

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1 department of workforce development as chairperson, 5 representatives of
2 employers, and 5 representatives of employees. The number of representatives of
3 employees who are representatives of organized labor shall be in the same proportion
4 as the number of employees represented by organized labor in this state compared
5 to the total number of employees in this state, but may not be less than 2. The
6 secretary of workforce development shall also appoint 3 representatives of insurers
7 authorized to do worker's compensation insurance business in this state as
8 nonvoting members of the council.

9 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

10 (1) COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION. Within 30 days after
11 the effective date of this subsection, the secretary of workforce development shall
12 remove all employer and employee representatives on the council on worker's
13 compensation. On the date on which the employer and employee representatives are
14 removed in accord with this subsection, the secretary of workforce development shall
15 appoint 5 representatives of employers and 5 representatives of employees in
16 accordance with section 15.227 (4) of the statutes, as affected by this act. This
17 subsection does not preclude the secretary of workforce development from
18 reappointing to the council on worker's compensation a representative of employers
19 or representative of employees who was removed from that council under this
20 subsection.

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