

## Chapter LIRC 3

### WORKER'S COMPENSATION

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**LIRC 3.01 Petitions for review; where filed.** A petition for commission review of the findings or order of a department administrative law judge under s. 102.18, Stats., shall be filed with any of the following:

(1) The worker's compensation division of the department, at any of the following locations:

(a) 201 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7901, Madison, Wisconsin 53707 (FAX: 608-267-0394).

(b) 819 North Sixth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203 (FAX: 414-227-4012).

(c) 1500 North Casaloma Drive, Suite 310, Appleton, Wisconsin 54915 (FAX: 920-832-5355).

(2) The commission, at its office at 3319 West Beltline Highway, P.O. Box 8126, Madison, Wisconsin 53708 (FAX: 608-267-4409).

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1981, No. 303, eff. 4-1-81; am. (1) (intro.) and (a), r. (2), Register August, 1982, No. 320, eff. 9-1-82; am. Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85; am. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6-1-97; CR 05-092: r. and recr. Register July 2006 No. 607, eff. 8-1-06.

**LIRC 3.03 Other petitions.** The provisions of s. 102.18, Stats., shall apply to all petitions to the commission under ss. 40.65 (2), 303.07 (7) and 303.21, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1981, No. 303, eff. 4-1-81; am. Register, August, 1982, No. 320, eff. 9-1-82; renum. from LIRC 3.05 and am. Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85; renum. from LIRC 3.04 and am., Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6-1-97.

**LIRC 3.04 Compromise settlements.** Compromise settlements of worker's compensation claims are governed by s. 102.16, Stats., and s. DWD 80.03. Under s. 102.18 (4) (d), Stats., if a compromise is reached while a case is pending commission review, the compromise shall be submitted to the commission, and the commission shall remand the case to the worker's compensation division of the department for consideration of the compromise. If the compromise is not approved, the party who filed the petition for commission review may reinstate its petition by notifying the commission. Under s. 102.24 (2), Stats., if a compromise is reached while a case is pending court review of a commission order, remand shall be to the commission and the commission

shall then remand the case to the department for consideration of the compromise.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1981, No. 303, eff. 4-1-81; renum. from LIRC 3.06, Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85; am. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; renum. from LIRC 3.05 and am., Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6-1-97; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, May, 1997, No. 497; CR 05-092: am. Register July 2006 No. 607, eff. 8-1-06.

**LIRC 3.05 Actions for judicial review.** Judicial review of any commission decision shall be commenced in the manner and upon the grounds specified in s. 102.23, Stats., and not under ch. 227, Stats., or s. 801.02, Stats. Either party may commence a legal action for review of the commission decision in circuit court. The action must be commenced within 30 days from the date of the decision. Such action is commenced only by filing a summons and complaint with the circuit court and serving an authenticated copy of the summons and the complaint upon the commission, all within 30 days. Service must be made upon a commissioner of the labor and industry review commission or an agent authorized by the commission to accept service only at the commission's office in Madison. Such service shall be deemed complete service on all parties but there shall be left with the person so served as many copies of the summons and complaint as there are defendants. Service made by mail is effective only if the pleadings are actually received by the commission within the appeal period. The complaint shall state the grounds upon which review is sought. The action shall be commenced against the commission, and the party in whose favor the order or award was made shall also be made a defendant. The proceedings shall be in the circuit court of the county where the plaintiff resides, except that, if the plaintiff is a state agency, the proceedings shall be in the circuit court of the county where the defendant resides. If the plaintiff is a nonresident of Wisconsin, the proceedings shall be in the circuit court for the county where the claim arose. The proceedings may be brought in any circuit court if all parties stipulate and that court agrees. The appealing party shall arrange for preparation of the necessary legal documents.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1981, No. 303, eff. 4-1-81; renum. from LIRC 3.07 and am., Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85; r. and recr. Register, May, 1988, No. 389, eff. 6-1-88; renum. from LIRC 3.06, Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6-1-97; CR 09-014: am. Register September 2009 No. 645, eff. 10-1-09.