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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 610, L.D. 835, "Resolve, Instructing the Workers' Compensation Board to Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Occupational Disease Law"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Board" the following: ', the Bureau of Health, the Bureau of Insurance and the Bureau of Labor Standards'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 14th and 15th lines (page 1, lines 14 and 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Workers' Compensation Board" and inserting in its place the following: 'groups'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 15th line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "its staff" and inserting in its place the following: 'their staffs'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Report and recommendations. Resolved: That the groups named in section 1 shall report by January 15, 1999 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters on the study conducted pursuant to section 1. The report must contain a discussion of the issues, alternative approaches that may be taken to address any problems identified, a recommended definition for occupational disease, a recommendation for tracking data on occupational diseases and any other recommendations considered necessary. The groups may submit with the report legislation necessary to implement their recommendations.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 The additional costs associated with studying occupational
disease law can be absorbed by the Department of Human Services,
10 the Department of Labor, the Department of Professional and
Financial Regulation and the Workers' Compensation Board
utilizing existing budgeted resources.
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SUMMARY

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18 This amendment requires the Bureau of Health, the Bureau of
Insurance and the Bureau of Labor Standards to conduct the
occupational disease study with the Workers' Compensation Board.
20 It adds to the list of issues that must be included in the study
report a recommended definition of occupational disease and a
22 recommendation for tracking occupational disease data. It also
changes the reporting deadline from January 1, 1999 to January
24 15, 1999.