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L.D. 661
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COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 481, L.D. 661, Bill, "An Act to Establish Occupational Health and Safety Standards for Operators of Video Display Terminals"

Amend the amendment in the 2nd paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 21 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Sec. 1."

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§251." in subsection 4 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 43 in amendment) by inserting after the underlined word "terminals" the following: 'at one location'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of that part designated "252." and inserting in its place the following:

§252. Education and training

Every employer shall establish an education and training program for all operators as provided in this section.

1. Requirements. An employer's education and training program shall be provided both orally and in writing and shall include, at a minimum:

A. Notification of the rights and duties created under this subchapter by posting in a prominent location in the workplace a copy of this subchapter and a written notice that explains these rights and duties in plain language;

B. An explanation or description of the proper use of terminals and the protective measures that the operator may take to avoid or minimize symptoms or conditions that may result from extended or improper use of terminals; and

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C. Instruction related to the importance of maintaining proper posture during terminal operation and a description of methods to achieve and maintain this posture, including the use of any adjustable work station equipment used by the operator.

2. Literature; clearinghouse. The bureau shall recommend to employers, for use in education and training programs, occupational safety literature that provides appropriate, current and pertinent data on terminal use. The bureau shall also serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding workplace safety and health relative to the use of terminals.

3. Training schedule. Employers shall provide current operators with this education and training program within 6 months after the effective date of this section and annually thereafter. Beginning 6 months after the effective date of this section, employers shall provide all new operators with the education and training program within the first month of employment as operators.'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of that part designated "§253."

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Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor will be able to implement this legislation given its current funding levels. State Government as an employer will also incur some minor additional costs for the required training which can be absorbed within current budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment deletes all the workplace requirements, regarding operators of video display terminals, imposed on employers under the committee amendment except for provisions related to the education and training of operators. The amendment also deletes all enforcement provisions and the correlative appropriation for enforcement activities.

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