

## Session 111 - (1995-1996)

**S 0728 General Bill, By Leatherman, Elliott, Martin, O'Dell and J.V. Smith**

***Similar (H 3835)***

A Bill to amend Section 42-1-40, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to definition of "average weekly wages" under the Workers' Compensation Law, so as to delete certain language and provisions, and provide that "average weekly wage" must be calculated by taking the total wages paid for the last four quarters immediately preceding the quarter in which the injury occurred as reported on the Employment Security Commission's employer contribution reports divided by fifty-two or by the actual number of weeks for which wages were paid, whichever is less; to amend Section 42-9-360, relating to assignments of Workers' Compensation and exemptions from the claims of creditors and taxes, so as to add provisions to the Section including, among other things, the provision that it shall be unlawful for an authorized health care provider to actively pursue collection procedures against a Workers' Compensation claimant before the final adjudication of the claimant's claim; and to amend Section 42-19-10, as amended, relating to the Workers' Compensation Law and employers' records and reports of injuries, so as to delete the current provisions of the Section, and provide, among other things, that every employer shall keep a record of all injuries received by his employees in the course of their employment on forms approved by the Workers' Compensation Commission and that certain injuries must be reported in writing to the Commission according to certain guidelines.

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