

June 18, 1999

Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1307 BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1221(3)(a) and (d)(iii), relative to supplemental earnings benefits; to provide relative to the calculation thereof; to remove the termination of supplementalearnings benefits when one begins to receive old age insurance benefits; and to provide for related matters.

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1307 would change the formula for the calculation of workers compensation supplemental earnings benefits and change the termination of such earnings benefits. This change would increase litigation on proof of employee's retirement status thereby increasing internal claims administration costs and increase compensation benefit costs because eligibility for benefits would extend for a longer period of time.

For this reason I am vetoing and returning House Bill No. 1307 to you.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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