

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law defines an individual who is considered an independent contractor for the purposes of workers' compensation.

New law expands the definition of independent contractor to also include employees of independent contractors who are also substantially engaged in manual labor.

New law also clarifies that the aforementioned definition expansion applies to an independent contractor who is substantially engaged in manual labor and is expressly covered by the provisions of existing law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 23:1021(intro. para.) and (7))