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Abstract: Provides relative to the allocation of payments to dependents of a decedent for workers' compensation claims.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the payment to dependents shall be computed and divided equally among them on the following basis.

- (1) If the decedent is survived by a spouse, the dependent is entitled to 32.5% of wages.
- (2) If the decedent is survived by a spouse and one child, the dependents are entitled to 46.25% of wages.
- (3) If the decedent is survived by a spouse and two or more children, the dependents are entitled to 65% of wages.
- (4) If the decedent is survived by one child, the dependent is entitled to 32.5% of wages.
- (5) If the decedent is survived by two children, the dependents are entitled to 46.25% of wages.
- (6) If the decedent is survived by three or more children, the dependents are entitled to 65% of wages.
- (7) If the decedent does not have a living spouse or child, then the decedent's mother or father is entitled to 32.5% of the decedent's wages. If both of the decedent's parents are alive, then they are entitled to 65% of the decedent's wages.
- (8) If the decedent does not have a living spouse, child, or parent, then the decedent's brother or sister is entitled to 32.5% of the decedent's wages, plus an additional 11% of wages for each additional brother or sister. If the decedent leaves behind other dependents, one dependent is entitled to 32.5% of the decedent wages, plus an additional 11% of wages for each additional dependent, subject to a maximum of 65% of wages for all, regardless of the number of dependents.

<u>Proposed law</u> eliminates the payment for other dependents of the decedent that are not the decedent's spouse, child, parents, or siblings. <u>Proposed law</u> otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 23:1232(8))