
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Original House Bill No. 703 by Representative Melerine

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 3, at the beginning of line 1, after "(2)" and before "This" insert "(a)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 3, between lines 3 and 4, add the following:

5 "(b) For purposes of this Section, "reasonably controverted" means that the
6 employer or the employer's representative acted in good faith and articulated an
7 objective reason for denying the claim, even though the facts or law may be disputed
8 and benefits are ultimately found to be owed. The burden of proof shall be on the
9 party seeking attorney fees to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the claim
10 is not reasonably controverted."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 7, delete line 1 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

13 "request for a preliminary determination hearing pursuant to this Section.
14 Failure to file"