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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Glorioso to Engrossed House Bill No. 556 by Representative Glorioso

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1 2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 4 in their entirety and insert the following: 3 "To enact R.S. 23:1221(2)(f), relative to workers' compensation; to provide for an annual cost-of-living adjustment for permanent total disability benefits; and 4 5 to provide for" 6 AMENDMENT NO. 2 7 On page 1, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert the following: 8 "Section 1. R.S. 23:1221(2)(f) is hereby enacted to read" 9 AMENDMENT NO. 3 10 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 18 in their entirety 11 AMENDMENT NO. 4 12 On page 2, delete lines 7 through 27 in their entirety and insert the following: 13 "(f)(i) For purposes of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, for any 14 15

- "(f)(i) For purposes of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, for any compensable injury occurring on or after August 1, 2024, where an employee has received permanent total disability benefits in accordance with this Paragraph for a period greater than three consecutive years, the injured employee shall be entitled to an annual adjustment in the weekly compensation benefit rate for permanent total benefits equal to the percentage by which the maximum weekly compensation rate calculated pursuant to R.S. 23:1202 increases. Such rate shall not be less than zero percent and shall not exceed a maximum annual increase of five percent.
 - (ii) The adjusted weekly benefits in accordance with this Paragraph shall not exceed the maximum weekly rate as updated in accordance with R.S. 23:1202.
 - (iii) The assistant secretary shall, in addition to the publication of the maximum and minimum weekly compensation rates, publish the percentage amount of any increase or decrease of the weekly compensation benefit rate pursuant to this Paragraph no later than September first of each year.
- (iv) Lump sum settlements provided for in R.S. 23:1274 shall be determined based on the compensation rate in effect on the date the settlement is filed with the assistant secretary. The amounts payable as compensation due to the employee or his dependents shall not include any potential future annual adjustments pursuant to this Paragraph."

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On page 3, delete lines 1 through 13 in their entirety