

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 185

2026 Regular Session

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WORKERS COMPENSATION: Provides relative to the definition of an independent contractor

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Revises the definition of independent contractor by removing the provision of proposed law that includes other independent contractor contracting with an independent contractor.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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

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

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