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## SENATE BILL No. 537

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DIGEST OF SB 537 (Updated February 21, 2007 11:30 am - DI 102)

**Citations Affected:** IC 22-3.

**Synopsis:** Worker's compensation. Authorizes the worker's compensation board to adopt rules to assess and collect reasonable fees for services, excluding services provided to injured employees.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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**Riegsecker, Lewis**

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.  
February 22, 2007, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 22-3-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 3. (a) The worker's compensation
- 3 board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry into effect the worker's
- 4 compensation law (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6) and the worker's
- 5 occupational diseases law (IC 22-3-7), **including rules to assess and**
- 6 **collect reasonable fees for services, excluding services provided to**
- 7 **injured employees under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-7.**
- 8 (b) The worker's compensation board is authorized:
- 9 (1) to hear, determine, and review all claims for compensation
- 10 under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-7;
- 11 (2) to require medical service for injured employees;
- 12 (3) to approve claims for medical service or attorney's fees and
- 13 the charges for nurses and hospitals;
- 14 (4) to approve agreements;
- 15 (5) to modify or change awards;
- 16 (6) to make conclusions of facts and rulings of law;
- 17 (7) to certify questions of law to the court of appeals;

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- 1 (8) to approve deductions in compensation made by employers for
- 2 amounts paid in excess of the amount required by law;
- 3 (9) to approve agreements between an employer and an employee
- 4 or the employee's dependents for the cash payment of
- 5 compensation in a lump sum, or, in the case of a person under
- 6 eighteen (18) years of age, to order cash payments;
- 7 (10) to establish and maintain a list of independent medical
- 8 examiners and to order physical examinations;
- 9 (11) to subpoena witnesses;
- 10 (12) to administer oaths;
- 11 (13) to apply to the circuit or superior court to enforce the
- 12 attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production and
- 13 examination of books, papers, and records;
- 14 (14) to create and undertake a program designed to educate and
- 15 provide assistance to employees and employers regarding the
- 16 rights and remedies provided by IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-7, and
- 17 to provide for informal resolution of disputes;
- 18 (15) to assess and collect, on the board's own initiative or on the
- 19 motion of a party, the penalties provided for in IC 22-3-2 through
- 20 IC 22-3-7; and
- 21 (16) to exercise all other powers and duties conferred upon the
- 22 board by law.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Lewis be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 537.

RIEGSECKER

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 537, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

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Delete pages 3 through 19.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 537 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

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