

Amendment to SB 409-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the first responder's critical injury benefit and establishing a
4 committee to study soft tissue injuries under workers' compensation.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 First Responder's Critical Injury Benefit. Amend RSA 281-A:32-a, II to read as follows:

9 II. Payments awarded under this section shall be subject to all other provisions of RSA 281-

10 A. Total compensation payments for all additional compensation claims paid under this section

11 shall not exceed \$125,000 per claimant. No payments shall be made after July 1, [2016] **2017**.

12 Benefits paid under this section for all claimants shall not exceed \$500,000.

13 2 Prospective Repeal Extended. Amend 2014, 242:4, I to read as follows:

14 I. Paragraph I of section 2 of this act shall take effect June 30, [2016] **2017**.

15 3 Committee to Study Soft Tissue Injuries for Purposes of Workers' Compensation Established.

16 I. There is established a committee to study soft tissue injuries for purposes of workers'
17 compensation.

18 (a) The members of the committee shall be as follows:

19 (1) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

20 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
21 house of representatives.

22 (b) Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
23 attending to the duties of the committee.

24 II. The committee shall study soft tissue injuries for purposes of workers' compensation.

25 III. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the
26 members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member. The first
27 meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

28 IV. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
29 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
30 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2016.

31 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the prospective repeal of the first responder's critical injury benefit. This bill also establishes a committee to study soft tissue injuries for purposes of workers' compensation.