

H. B. No. 81

As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, after "4121.13" insert ", 4121.41"

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In line 12, after "4121.13" insert ", 4121.41"

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After line 645, insert:

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"Sec. 4121.41. (A) The administrator of workers' compensation shall operate a program designed to inform employees and employers of their rights and responsibilities under Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code and as part of that program prepare and distribute pamphlets, which clearly and simply explain at least all of the following:

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(1) The rights and responsibilities of claimants and employers;

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(2) The procedures for processing claims;

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(3) The procedure for fulfilling employer responsibility;

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(4) All applicable statutes of limitation;

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(5) The availability of services and benefits;

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(6) The claimant's right to representation in the 16
processing of a claim or to elect no representation; 17

(7) The methods for reporting an injury or occupational 18
disease and completing necessary forms; 19

(8) The importance of seeking medical attention and 20
indicating to a health care professional that an injury or 21
occupational disease is related to the employee's employment; 22

(9) Contact information for relevant offices within the 23
bureau of workers' compensation, including the ombudsperson 24
system. 25

The administrator shall ensure that the provisions of this 26
section are faithfully and speedily implemented. 27

(B) The administrator shall provide an employer with a 28
copy of a pamphlet created under division (A) of this section 29
free of charge at the request of the employer. The administrator 30
also shall post a downloadable and printable copy of any 31
pamphlet created under division (A) of this section on the web 32
site maintained by the bureau. 33

(C) An employer shall provide an employee with a copy of a 34
pamphlet containing at least the information listed in division 35
(A) of this section at all of the following times: 36

(1) At the time the employee commences employment with the 37
employer, or, if the employee is employed by the employer on the 38
effective date of this amendment, within thirty days after that 39
date; 40

(2) Once each year for the duration of the employee's 41
employment; 42

(3) Whenever the employer becomes aware that a workplace 43

injury affecting an employee has occurred. 44

(D) The bureau of workers' compensation shall maintain an 45
ongoing program to identify employers subject to Chapter 4123. 46
of the Revised Code and to audit employers to ensure an optimum 47
level of premium payment. The bureau shall coordinate such 48
efforts with other governmental agencies which have information 49
as to employers who are subject to Chapter 4123. of the Revised 50
Code. 51

~~(C)~~(E) The administrator shall handle complaints through 52
the service offices, the claims section, and the ombudsperson 53
program. The administrator shall provide toll free telephone 54
lines for employers and claimants in order to expedite the 55
handling of complaints. The bureau shall monitor complaint 56
traffic to ensure an adequacy of telephone service to bureau 57
offices and shall compile statistics on complaint subjects. 58
Based upon those compilations, the bureau shall revise 59
procedures and rules to correct major problem areas and submit 60
data and recommendations annually to the appropriate committees 61
of the general assembly." 62

In line 2231, after "4121.13" insert ", 4121.41" 63

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 64

BWC rights and responsibilities pamphlet 65

R.C. 4121.41 66

Adds the following to the list of minimum information the 67

Administrator of Workers' Compensation must provide in	68
informational pamphlets created under continuing law:	69
--The methods for reporting an injury or occupational	70
disease and completing necessary forms;	71
--The importance of seeking medical attention and	72
indicating to a health care professional that an injury or	73
occupational disease is related to the employee's employment;	74
--Contact information for offices within BWC, including	75
the Workers' Compensation Ombudsperson System;	76
Requires the Administrator to provide a free copy of an	77
informational pamphlet to an employer that requests one and to	78
post downloadable and printable copies of pamphlets on the BWC	79
website.	80
Requires an employer to provide a copy of an informational	81
pamphlet to an employee at all of the following times:	82
--When the employee commences employment with the	83
employer, or 30 days after the amendment's effective date for	84
employees employed on that date;	85
--Once each year for the duration of the employee's	86
employment;	87
--Whenever the employer becomes aware of a workplace	88
injury affecting an employee.	89