BWC Legislative Update

* HB 80 (Oelslager): BWC Budget – To make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau’s programs.
* Signed by Governor DeWine 7/22/19.
* *HB 81 (Perales): Workers’ Compensation – Regarding Workers' Compensation coverage of post-exposure medical diagnostic services for a detention facility employee's exposure to another person's blood or bodily fluids.*
* *Signed by Governor DeWine 6/16/20. In effect 90 days from being signed.*
* HB 167 (Cera): Workers’ Compensation – To modify workers' compensation benefit amounts for occupational pneumoconiosis claims and to create the Occupational Pneumoconiosis Board to determine medical findings for such claims.
* 2/12/20 – First Hearing in House Commerce and Labor Committee
* *HB 308 (Patton): PTSD Coverage – Concerning workers’ compensation and disability retirement for peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical workers diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder arising from employment without an accompanying physical injury.*
* *2/12/20 – Passed Ohio House by a vote 74-22.*
* *6/3/20 – Third Hearing in Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee.*
* SB 201 (Dolan): Employer Organizations – To create alternate employer organizations.
* 1/22/120 – Third Hearing Hearing in Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee
* *HB 330 (Patton): Workers’ Compensation – Regarding charging workers’ compensation experience in firefighter cancer claims.*

*6/3/20 – Third Hearing Sponsor Testimony in House Insurance Committee.*

* *HB 534 (Crawley and Upchurch): Regarding identifying information in the medical management of workers’ compensation claims.*
* *6/3/20 – First Hearing in House Insurance Committee.*
* *HB 556 (Lang and Antani): PTSD Coverage – Concerning compensation, medical benefits, and disability retirement for peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical workers diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder arising from employment without an accompanying physical injury.*
* *5/5/20 – Referred to House Insurance Committee.*
* *HB 571 (Boggs): Occupational Diseases – To make COVID-19 contracted by a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical worker an occupational disease under the Workers' Compensation Law under certain circumstances and to declare an emergency.*
* *5/5/20 – First Hearing in House Insurance Committee.*
* *Amended into HB 606 by Ohio House but removed by Ohio Senate\**
* *HB 573 (Boggs and Sobecki): Occupational Diseases – To make COVID-19 an occupational disease under the Workers' Compensation Law under certain circumstances and to declare an emergency.*
* *5/12/20 – First Hearing in House Insurance Committee.*
* *HB 605 (Kelly and Patton): Workers’ Compensation – To make COVID-19 contracted by an employee of a retail food establishment or food processing establishment an occupational disease under the Workers' Compensation Law under certain circumstances and to declare an emergency.*
* *5/28/20 – First Hearing in House Insurance Committee.*
* *Amended into HB 606 by Ohio House but removed by Ohio Senate\**
* *HB 606 (Grendell): Civil Immunity – To grant civil immunity to a person who provides services for essential businesses and operations for injury, death, or loss that was caused by the transmission of COVID-19 during the period of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, and to declare an emergency.*
* *6/30/20 Passed Ohio Senate*
* *HB 633 (Boggs): Workers’ Compensation – To make COVID-19 contracted by specified types of employees an occupational disease under the Workers' Compensation Law under certain circumstances and to declare an emergency.*
* *5/19/20 – Referred to House Insurance Committee.*
* *HB 667 (Baldridge): Occupational Disease – To make COVID-19 contracted by a corrections officer an occupational disease under the Workers' Compensation Law and to declare an emergency.*
* *5/27/20 – Referred to House Insurance Committee.*
* *Amended into HB 606 by Ohio House but removed by Ohio Senate\**
* HB 668 (Baldridge): Occupational Disease – To make COVID-19 contracted by a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical worker an occupational disease under the Workers' Compensation Law and to declare an emergency.
* 5/27/20 – Referred to House Insurance Committee.
* *SB 9 (M. Huffman): Claim Information – To require health plan issuers to release certain claim information to group plan policyholders and to allow a professional employer organization to file federal payroll taxes entirely under a client employer's tax identification number.*
* *6/30/20 – Canceled Conference Committee.*
* *SB 31 (Roegner): Public Records – To include emergency service telecommunicators, certain Ohio National Guard members, federal judges, regional physician advisory board members, and first responders as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law, to address matters related to contact tracing, and to require the Bureau of Workers' Compensation or Industrial Commission to disclose a claimant's name to a journalist upon written request.*
* *6/3/20 – Senate Refuses to Concur on House Amendments.*