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**** Bill No. ****

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A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act revising the composition of the board of directors of the state compensation insurance fund; amending section 2-15-1019, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 2-15-1019, MCA, is amended to read:

- "2-15-1019. Board of directors of state compensation insurance fund -- legislative liaisons. (1) There is a board of directors of the state compensation insurance fund.
- (2) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121. However, the board may employ its own staff.
- (3) The board may provide for its own office space and the office space of the state fund.
- (4) The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The executive director of the state fund is an ex officio nonvoting member.
- (5) (a) At least four of the seven members shall represent state fund policyholders and may be employees of state fund policyholders. At least four members of the board shall represent private, for-profit enterprises. One of the seven members may be

a licensed insurance producer. One of the seven members must be a person with executive management experience in an insurance company or executive level experience in insurance financial accounting.

- (b) A member of the board may not:
- (a)(i) except for the licensed insurance producer member, represent or be an employee of an insurance company that is licensed to transact workers' compensation insurance under compensation plan No. 2; or
- (b)(ii) be an employee of a self-insured employer under compensation plan No. 1.
- (6) A member is appointed for a term of 4 years. The terms of board members must be staggered. A member of the board may serve no more than two 4-year terms. A member shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified.
- (7) The members must be appointed and compensated in the same manner as members of a quasi-judicial board as provided in 2-15-124, except that the requirement that at least one member be an attorney does not apply.
- (8) There must be two legislative liaisons to the board consisting of members of the economic affairs interim committee provided for in 5-5-223. Subject to 5-5-234, the presiding officer of the economic affairs interim committee shall appoint the liaisons from the majority party and the minority party at the first interim committee meeting.
- (9) Legislative liaisons shall serve from appointment through each even-numbered calendar year.

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(10) A legislative liaison may:

- (a) attend board meetings; and
- (b) receive board meeting agendas and information relating to agenda items from the staff of the state fund.
- (11) Legislative liaisons appointed pursuant to subsection
 (8) are entitled to compensation and expenses, as provided in
 5-2-302, to be paid by the economic affairs interim committee."
 {Internal References to 2-15-1019: 39-71-2312 x}

NEW SECTION. Section 2. {standard} Effective date -applicability. [This act] is effective on passage and approval
and applies to appointments made by the governor to the state
compensation insurance fund subsequent to the effective date.

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