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Weekly Legislative Wrap-Up

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After a state Supreme Court ruling back in June that found Pennsylvania's impairment

rating evaluation process unconstitutional, employers are <u>facing</u> a 6.06 percent increase in costs. The increase could be withdrawn before its implementation date of November 1 if the legislature passes a bill to reverse the impact of the court decision. Legislators are due back to work after Labor Day and are facing pressure from employers to focus on workers' compensation cost reforms.



This week Governor Rauner <u>vetoed</u> a bill that would have established a state-run workers'

compensation insurance company. A bill passed by the legislature to help tackle increasing costs by introducing more competition into the market. At the veto, the Governor told lawmakers to focus their attention on tougher standards for workers to prove an injury happened on the job and lower fees for doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies.



The Division of Workers' Compensation <u>proposed</u> a rule that would allow designated

doctors to see more than one workers' compensation patient a day. Designated doctors are used by the division to resolve medical disputes, determine impairment ratings, and establish maximum medical improvements. The proposed change is an attempt to bring more doctors into the program.





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Pre-filing for the 2018 legislative session has begun and last week Senator Lee <u>filed</u> SB 150, the latest

attempt to remove Florida's nofault auto insurance system. The bill removes requirements on Florida drivers to carry \$10,000 in personal-injury protection (PIP). The move is estimated to save drivers \$1 billion annually and aims to reduce fraud in the state.



<u>AB 1048</u>, a bill that allows partial fills of Schedule II prescriptions, passed

the Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously on Monday. The bill requires the full prescription be dispensed within 30 days or it "expires" on day 31. The bill now goes to the floor of the Senate for a final vote.

Where in the U.S.A. are Jayne & Danielle?

Jayne will be in the home office next week. Danielle will be out of the office and will return September 5.



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