

SENATE BILL No. 258

By Committee on Ways and Means

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9 AN ACT concerning workers compensation; relating to caps on benefits.

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11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

12 New Section 1. (a) The secretary of labor shall adjust the current
13 caps on all benefits contained within the workers compensation act, in-
14 cluding, but not limited to, those caps contained in K.S.A. 44-510b and
15 44-510f, and amendments thereto, in an amount equal to the midwest
16 cost of living adjustment. The secretary shall determine the amount of
17 increase that each cap would have increased since the current cap was
18 last enacted based upon the consumer price index for urban wage earners
19 and clerical workers in the midwest published by the United States bureau
20 of labor statistics. The secretary of labor shall make the cost of living
21 adjustment to the current caps within 60 days of the effective date of this
22 act, and annually thereafter on July 1 of each succeeding year.

23 (b) The secretary of labor shall publish notice of the cap increases
24 provided by subsection (a) no later than the second issue of the Kansas
25 register published in August of each year.

26 (c) This act shall be part of and supplemental to the workers com-
27 pensation act, article 5 of chapter 44 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
28 and amendments thereto.

29 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
30 publication in the Kansas register.