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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 441**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Economic Development

**Brief\***

SB 441 would amend the Workers Compensation Act by changing the definition of "accident". The bill would add three dates to be considered as the date of the accident. The earliest of the three dates would be considered the date of the accident. The three dates include:

- ! The earliest date upon which an employee gives notice to the employer of the injury;
- ! The date the condition is diagnosed as work-related, providing such fact is communicated to the injured worker; or
- ! The first day the authorized physician takes the employee off work due to the condition or restricts the employee from performing the work which is the cause of the condition.

**Background**

The Senate Committee amended the bill by adding that written notice must be given to the employer or the injured worker. The original bill required only notice.

The House Committee removed the Senate amendments.

The fiscal note indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Human Resources.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>