

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Insurance** recommends **HB 2245** be amended on page 5, by striking all in lines 13 through 32; following line 32, by inserting:

"Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 44-512 is hereby amended to read as follows: 44-512.~~(a)~~ Workers compensation payments shall be made at the same time, place and in the same manner as the wages of the worker were payable at the time of the accident, but upon the application of either party the administrative law judge may modify such requirements in a particular case as the administrative law judge deems just, except that:

~~(1)~~(a) Payments from the workers compensation fund established by K.S.A. 44-566a, and amendments thereto, shall be made in the manner approved by the commissioner of insurance;

~~(2)~~(b) payments from the state workers compensation self-insurance fund established by K.S.A. 44-575, and amendments thereto, shall be made in a manner approved by the ~~secretary of health and environment~~ commissioner of insurance; and

~~(3)~~(c) whenever temporary total disability compensation is to be paid under the workers compensation act, payments shall be made only in cash, by check or in the same manner that the employee is normally compensated for salary or wages, or if the parties agree, by electronic funds transfer or a payment card, and not by any other means, except that any such compensation may be paid by warrant of the director of accounts and reports issued for payment of such compensation from the workers compensation fund or the state workers compensation self-insurance fund under the workers compensation act.

~~(b) When allowed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a)(1) through (3), if compensation is being paid by electronic funds transfer to the injured worker's account or compensation is being paid by a payment card issued to the injured worker and the injured worker is represented by an attorney, the employer shall notify the injured worker's attorney each time payment is made."~~

On page 8, in line 32, by striking "2023" and inserting "2024";

On page 10, in line 1, by striking the first "and" and inserting a comma; also in line 1, after "75-6503" by inserting "and 75-6506a; also in line 1, by striking the second "K.S.A."; in line 2, by striking all before "K.S.A"; also in line 2, after "44-512" by inserting ", 75-37,162, 75-37,163, 75-37,164, 75-37,165, 75-37,166, 75-37,167, 75-37,168, 75-37,169, 75-37,170, 75-37,171 and 75-6502"; in line 3, after "after" by inserting "July 1, 2027, and";

Any by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 12, by striking all after the second "and"; in line 13, after "44-512" by inserting "and 75-6502"; also in line 13, after "sections" by inserting "; also repealing K.S.A. 75-6506a and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 75-37,162, 75-37,163, 75-37,164, 75-37,165, 75-37,166, 75-37,167, 75-37,168, 75-37,169, 75-37,170 and 75-37,171"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson