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VOCATIONAL HANDICAP

House Bill 4217

Sponsor: Rep. Walter J. Delange

Committee: Labor

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4217 AS INTRODUCED 2-11-93

Currently, the Worker's Disability Compensation Act of 1916 limits the liability of the employer of a person who is certified as vocationally handicapped and is injured in the course of employment. "Vocationally handicapped" means a person who has a medically certifiable impairment of the heart or back, or who is subject to epilepsy, or who has diabetes, and whose impairment is a substantial obstacle to employment. The act limits the employer's liability for payment of compensation, furnishing medical care or for payment of expenses of the employee's last illness and burial to those benefits accruing during the period 104 weeks after the date of the injury. Thereafter, the second injury fund has the liability for these expenses.

The bill would amend the act to add other seizure disorders certified by a physician to the definition of vocationally handicapped.

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