

By: Senator(s) Hewes

To: Insurance; Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2761

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-3-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 MORE ACCURATELY DEFINE THE PURPOSE OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS'
3 COMPENSATION LAW TO CORRECT THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THE WORKERS'
4 COMPENSATION LAW SHOULD BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
6 MISSISSIPPI:

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8 SECTION 1. Section 71-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 71-3-1. This chapter shall be known and cited as "Workers'
11 Compensation Law," and shall be administered by the Workers'
12 Compensation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the
13 "commission," cooperating with other state and federal authorities
14 for the prevention of injuries and occupational diseases to
15 workers and, in event of injury or occupational disease, their
16 rehabilitation or restoration to health and vocational
17 opportunity; and this chapter shall be fairly and impartially
18 construed and applied according to the law and the evidence in the
19 record, and this chapter shall not be presumed to favor one party
20 over the other.

21 Wherever used in this chapter, or in any other statute or
22 rule or regulation affecting the former Workmen's Compensation Law
23 and any of its functions or duties:

24 (a) * * * "Workmen's compensation" * * * means
25 "workers' compensation"; and

26 (b) * * * "Commission" * * * means the Workers'
27 Compensation Commission.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

29 and after July 1, 1999.