

HOUSE BILL No. 2797

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT concerning the attorney general; establishing a statewide work-
10 ers compensation fraud and abuse telephone hotline; creating the po-
11 sition of workers compensation fraud and abuse investigator.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. (a) The attorney general shall establish and maintain a
15 statewide workers compensation fraud and abuse telephone hotline
16 within the office of the attorney general. The workers compensation fraud
17 and abuse telephone hotline shall be a toll-free telephone connection that
18 is available for use by members of the general public, specifically includ-
19 ing employers and employees that are under the workers compensation
20 act, throughout the state. The hotline shall be for the purpose of receiving
21 complaints and other information regarding instances of alleged fraud or
22 fraudulent or abusive acts or practices, or other violations of K.S.A. 44-
23 5,120 through 44-5,125 and amendments thereto, or any other acts, prac-
24 tices or violations that constitute crimes. The attorney general shall pub-
25 licize the existence and purpose of the statewide workers compensation
26 fraud and abuse telephone hotline throughout the state.

27 (b) There is hereby established the position of workers compensation
28 fraud and abuse investigator in the office of the attorney general. The
29 workers compensation fraud and abuse investigator shall be in the un-
30 classified service under the Kansas civil service act. In addition to other
31 duties and functions assigned by the attorney general, the workers com-
32 pensation fraud and abuse investigator shall investigate complaints and
33 other information regarding instances of alleged fraud or fraudulent or
34 abusive acts or practices, or other violations of K.S.A. 44-5,120 through
35 44-5,125 and amendments thereto, or any other acts, practices or viola-
36 tions that constitute crimes.

37 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
38 publication in the statute book.