

HOUSE BILL No. 2312

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT concerning workers compensation; relating to caps on damages
10 and death benefits.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 New Section 1. (a) The secretary of labor shall adjust the current
14 caps on all benefits contained within the workers compensation act, in-
15 cluding, but not limited to, those caps contained in K.S.A. 44-510b and
16 44-510f, and amendments thereto, in an amount equal to the midwest
17 cost of living adjustment. The secretary shall determine the amount of
18 increase that each cap would have increased since the current cap was
19 last enacted based upon the consumer price index for urban wage earners
20 and clerical workers in the midwest published by the United States bureau
21 of labor statistics. The secretary of labor shall make the cost of living
22 adjustment to the current caps within 60 days of the effective date of this
23 act, and annually thereafter on July 1 of each succeeding year.

24 (b) The secretary of labor shall publish notice of the cap increases
25 provided by subsection (a) no later than the second issue of the Kansas
26 register published in August of each year.

27 (c) This act shall be part of and supplemental to the workers com-
28 pensation act, article 5 of chapter 44 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
29 and amendments thereto.

30 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
31 publication in the Kansas register.