

HOUSE BILL No. 2721

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT concerning workers compensation; relating to caps on benefits.

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

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

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

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

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