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Bill No. Author	Description	Status
AB 1035 John A. Pérez D Active Oppose	Workers' compensation: firefighters and peace officers. Current law specifies the time period within which various proceedings may be commenced under provisions of law relating to workers' compensation. This bill would, only until January 1, 2019, extend the time period to commence proceedings to collect death benefits, if the proceedings are brought by, or on behalf of, a person who was a dependent on the date of death, from 240 weeks from the date of injury to no later than 420 weeks from the date of injury, not to exceed one year after the date of death. This provision would apply only to a specified injury causing death.	5/1/2014-Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 72. Noes 1.).
AB 1522 Gonzalez D Active Oppose	Employment: paid sick days. Would enact the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 to provide that an employee who works in California for 7 or more days in a calendar year is entitled to paid sick days, to be accrued at a rate of no less than one hour for every 30 hours worked. An employee would be entitled to use accrued sick days beginning on the 90th calendar day of employment. The bill would authorize an employer to limit an employee's use of paid sick days to 24 hours or 3 days in each calendar year.	4/30/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 1706 Jones-Sawyer D	State government: Administrative Procedure Act: tandardized regulatory impact analyses. Current law requires each state agency to prepare a standardized regulatory impact analysis, as specified, with respect to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a major regulation, as defined, that is proposed on or after November 1, 2013. Current law requires the standardized regulatory impact analysis to address, among other things, the creation or elimination of jobs within the state. This bill would also require the report to include information on the cumulative economic impact of the regulations on businesses within the state. This bill contains other existing laws.	5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was A. & A.R. on 2/20/2014)
AB 1710 Dickinson D Watch	Personal information: privacy. Would require a person or business conducting business in California that owns or licenses computerized data that contains personal information to disclose, as specified, a breach of the security of the system or data following discovery or notification of the security breach to any California resident whose personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person unless the data was encrypted, as specified.	5/7/2014-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 8. Noes 3.) (May 5). 5/8/2014 #20 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE
AB 1711 Cooley D Support	Administrative Procedures Act: economic impact assessment. Current law requires every state agency subject to the Administrative Procedure Act to provide an initial statement of reasons for proposing the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation. The act requires the initial statement of reasons to include a standardized regulatory impact analysis prepared by each agency that proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal any major regulation, as defined, on or after November 1, 2013. The bill would require an economic impact assessment to be included in the initial statement of reasons. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	4/24/2014-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
AB 1723 Nazarian D Oppose	Employees: wages. Current law authorizes the Labor Commissioner to recover liquidated damages for an employee who brings a complaint alleging payment of less than the minimum wage fixed by an order of the commission or by statute. This bill would expand that penalty, restitution, and liquidated damages provision for a citation to also subject the employer to payment of any applicable penalties for the willful failure to timely pay wages of a resigned or discharged employee. This bill contains other existing laws.	4/30/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 1746	Workers' compensation: proceedings: expedited hearings.	5/7/2014-From committee: Do pass. To consent calendar. (Ayes 17.

Alejo D Watch	Would require that cases in which the employee is or was employed by an illegally uninsured employer and the disputed issues are employment or injury, as specified, be placed on the priority conference calendar established under existing law.	Noes 0.) (May 7). 5/8/2014 #65 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE
AB 1749 Hagman R Watch	Workers' compensation: supplemental job displacement benefits. Current law, for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2013, provides supplemental job displacement benefits in the form of a nontransferable voucher for specified expenses, including education-related retraining or skill enhancement, for an injured employee who has a permanent partial disability, as specified. This bill would require the administrative director to report to the Assembly Committee on Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance, on or before January 1, 2016, the extent to which injured workers who obtained specific education or training with vouchers issued pursuant to the provisions described above obtained employment related to that education or training .	5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was INS. on 4/1/2014)
AB 2052 Gonzalez D Watch	Workers' compensation. Current law designates illnesses and conditions that constitute a compensable injury for various employees, such as California Highway Patrol members, firefighters, and certain peace officers. These injuries include, but are not limited to, hernia, pneumonia, heart trouble, cancer, meningitis, and exposure to a biochemical substances, when the illness or condition develops or manifests itself during a period when the officer or employee is in service of his or her employer, as specified. This bill would expand the coverage of the above provisions relating to compensable injury, to include all peace officers described under specified provisions of law.	4/30/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 2230 Cooley D Watch	Insurance: Workers' Comp Bond Fund: assessments. Current law provides that the premium charged to a member insurer for any of the categories of insurance is 1% of the net direct written premium, as defined, written in the category by the member per year. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2015, provide that the premium charged to a member insurer for a category of insurance would be 2% of the net direct written premium, unless there are outstanding bonds, as specified, in which case the premium would not exceed 1% of the net direct written premium for any category of insurance for which the bond proceeds are being used to pay claims and expenses.	5/1/2014-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
AB 2360 John A. Pérez D	Workers' compensation: firefighters and peace officers. Current law specifies the time period within which various proceedings may be commenced under provisions of law relating to workers' compensation. With certain exceptions, a proceeding to collect death benefits is required to be commenced within one year from several circumstances, including, but not limited to, from the date of death where it occurs within one year from the date of injury. However, no proceedings may be commenced more than one year after the date of death, nor more than 240 weeks from the date of injury. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.	2/24/2014-Read first time.
AB 2378 Perea D Watch	Workers' compensation: temporary disability payments. Current law requires that aggregate disability payments for a single injury occurring on or after certain dates be limited, as provided. This bill would provide that the above-specified leaves of absence without loss of salary are payable in addition to the maximum aggregate disability payments for a single injury that is applicable to all workers. The bill would make these provisions applicable to all claims, regardless of the date of injury.	5/7/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 2383 Achadjian R Watch	Workers' compensation: payments: public safety employees. Current law provides that, whenever a person in one of specified categories of local public safety employees, who is employed on a regular, full-time basis, is disabled, whether temporarily or permanently, by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of his or her duties, that person is entitled to a leave of absence while so disabled without a loss of salary in lieu of disability payments, or to a vocational rehabilitation maintenance allowance payments, if any, for the period of the	5/7/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

	disability, not exceeding one year. This bill would specify that the above provisions apply with respect to a single injury only, and would delete the above reference to the entitlement to a vocational rehabilitation maintenance allowance as an alternative to temporary disability.	
AB 2482 Wilk R Support	Workers' compensation: utilization review. Would prohibit employers that provide utilization review and entities that provide utilization review on behalf of an employer from requesting or accepting any compensation or other thing of value from any source that may create or creates a conflict with the duties of carrying out the utilization review process. The bill would require the administrative director, in consultation with the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation, to adopt regulations to implement these provisions.	5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was INS. on 3/13/2014)
AB 2507 Bocanegra D Watch	Public Records Act: exemptions: pending litigation. Would provide that outside attorney billing records, when they are prepared in connection with a pending civil action in which a public agency is a defendant, are exempt from the CPRA's disclosure provisions during the pendency of the litigation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was JUD. on 4/21/2014)
AB 2604 Brown D Active Oppose	Workers' compensation: proceedings: payment delay. AB 2604 (Brown; D-San Bernardino) Exposes Employers to Disproportionate Workers Compensation Penalties — Dramatically increases penalties and costs for delayed payments and will result in disproportionate penalty awards that are significantly greater than the amount of the delayed payment.	5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was INS. on 3/13/2014)
AB 2616 Skinner D Active Oppose	Workers' compensation: hospital employers: compensation. Would provide, with respect to hospital employees who provide direct patient care in an acute care hospital, that the term "injury" includes a methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus skin infection (MRSA skin infection) that develops or manifests itself during the period of the person's employment with the hospital. This bill would create a presumption that a MRSA skin infection arises out of and in the course of the person's employment if the MRSA skin infection develops or manifests, as specified.	5/7/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 2663 Dababneh D Watch	Fraud prevention. Current law prohibits knowingly employing runners, cappers, steerers, or other persons to procure clients or patients to perform or obtain services or benefits under workers' compensation coverage or to procure clients or patients to perform or obtain services or benefits under a contract of insurance or that will be the basis for a claim against an insured individual or his or her insurer. Existing law makes every person who violates these prohibitions liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000. This bill would adjust those civil penalties to not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$25,000.	3/17/2014-Referred to Com. on INS.
AB 2665 Dababneh D Watch	Workers' compensation: enforcement. Current law generally requires an employer to secure the payment of compensation, as specified, and makes it a misdemeanor to fail to secure the payment of compensation by one who knew, or because of his or her knowledge or experience should be reasonably expected to have known, of the obligation to secure the payment of compensation, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, a specified fine of not less than \$10,000, or both. This bill would increase the amounts of these fines to not less than \$25,000 for the first offense and not less than \$75,000 for the 2nd and subsequent offenses.	5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was INS. on 3/17/2014)
AB 2688 Brown D Support	Employment: violations: good faith defense. Would, until January 1, 2019, permit a person to raise as an affirmative defense that, at the time of an alleged violation of statute or regulation in a judicial or administrative proceeding, the person was acting in good faith, had sought, relied upon, and conformed with a published opinion letter or enforcement policy of the division and had provided true and correct information to the division in	5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was L. & E. on 4/29/2014)

	seeking the opinion letter or enforcement policy. The bill would require any person who asserts the affirmative defense to post a bond as prescribed.	
AB 2731 Committee on Insurance Watch	Insurance. Current law requires the Insurance Commissioner, the California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association, and the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan to submit specified reports to the Governor and the Legislature by specified dates. This bill would require those reports to be submitted to the Senate Committee on Insurance and the Assembly Committee on Insurance instead of to the Legislature. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.	4/22/2014-Referred to Com. on INS.
AB 2732 Committee on Insurance Watch	Workers' compensation. Under current workers' compensation law, as part of its notification to the employee regarding an initial utilization review decision that denies, modifies, or delays a treatment recommendation, an employer is required to provide the employee with a one-page form prescribed by the administrative director, and an addressed envelope, which the employee may return to the administrative director or the administrative director's designee to initiate an independent medical review. Under current law, an employer is required to include on this form any information required by the administrative director to facilitate the completion of the independent medical review. This bill would revise the requirements applicable to utilization review procedures, by changing the maximum length of the above-described form to 2 pages.	5/1/2014-Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar. 5/8/2014 #221 ASSEMBLY CONSENT CALENDAR-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY ASSEMBLY MEASURES
SB 919 Wright D Watch	Employees: wage disputes. Current law requires a party who receives actual notice of a wage dispute claim before the Labor Commissioner to notify the commissioner in writing of any change in the party's business or personal address, as specified, for purposes of being served with a notice of hearing on the matter. This bill would provide that a party that has failed, without just and substantial cause, to timely provide the above-described change of address information is subject to repayment of treble the amount of all costs incurred by the opposing party in attempting to perfect service. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was RLS. on 3/17/2014)
SB 1234 Block D Watch	Workers' compensation. Current law provides that certain peace officers, firefighters, and other specified state and local public employees are entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary while disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment. This bill would extend this leave of absence entitlement to certain peace officers who are not already described in these provisions, including, but not limited to, any deputy sheriff employed in a custodial assignment, a marshal or deputy marshal of a superior court or county, certain park rangers designated by a local agency, and members of a California Community College police force.	4/7/2014-Placed on APPR. suspense file.
SB 1257 Roth D Watch	Workers' compensation. Current law generally provides that certain state and local public employees, including specified peace officers and firefighters, are entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary while disabled, whether temporarily or permanently, by injury or illness arising out of, and in the course of, his or her employment. The leave of absence is in lieu of temporary disability payments or maintenance allowance payments otherwise payable under the workers' compensation system. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.	3/6/2014-Referred to Com. on RLS.
SB 1299 Padilla D Watch	Workplace violence prevention plans. Would require the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, no later than July 1, 2015, to adopt standards developed by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health that require specified types of hospitals, including a general acute care hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital, to adopt a workplace violence prevention plan as a part of the hospital's injury and illness prevention plan to protect health care workers and other facility personnel from aggressive and violent behavior.	5/2/2014-Set for hearing May 12. 5/12/2014 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, DE LEÓN, Chair

SB 1360 Padilla D	<p>Compensation: meal and rest or recovery periods.</p> <p>Would provide that a rest or recovery period mandated pursuant to a state law, including, but not limited to, an applicable statute, or applicable regulation, standard, or order of the IWC, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, or the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, shall be counted as hours worked, for which there shall be no deduction from wages. The bill would declare that provision to be declaratory of existing law.</p>	<p>4/1/2014-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.</p>
SB 1373 Walters R Watch	<p>Workers' compensation: self-insure.</p> <p>Current law prohibits, for purposes of workers' compensation, a certificate of consent to self-insure from being issued after January 1, 2013, to a professional employer organization, a leasing employer, a temporary services employer, or any employer which the Director of Industrial Relations determines is in the business of providing employees to other employers. A certificate of consent to self-insure that had already been issued to any of these employers shall be revoked by the director not later than January 1, 2015. This bill would repeal the above prohibition on certificates of consent to self-insure from being issued to those employers.</p>	<p>5/2/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was L. & I.R. on 3/17/2014)</p>

Total Measures: 28

Total Tracking Forms: 28