

Workers Compensation—Allow Recovery for Specific Diseases Incurred by Certain Public Safety Personnel; Senate Sub. for HB 2023

Senate Sub. for HB 2023 provides an exemption, starting July 1, 2014, to the prohibition placed on the recovery of workers compensation in cases involving coronary disease, coronary artery disease, or cerebrovascular injury during the course of usual work performed by firefighters or law enforcement officers. In order to prove a claim, an injured public safety employee needs to show:

- The injury was caused by a specific event that occurred in the course and scope of employment;
- The coronary or cerebrovascular injury occurred within 24 hours of the specific event; and
- The specific event was the prevailing factor in causing the disease or injury.