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Senate Bill 1277 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Jansen Committee: Commerce and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Worker's Disability Compensation Act to provide that, effective October 1, 2008, an appointee to the Qualifications Advisory Committee would be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Act requires the Governor to appoint a Qualifications Advisory Committee, consisting of people who have experience in the area of workers' compensation. Employer and employee interests must be represented equally on the Committee.

The bill also would make the following changes in the Act, which would reflect current law under Executive Order 2003-18:

- -- Changing the number of Committee members from six to 10.
- -- Changing a guorum of the Committee from four to six.
- -- Requiring a vacancy on the Committee to be filled by the Governor so that employer and employee interests continue to be equally represented, and requiring a vacancy to be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- -- Requiring the Governor to appoint a Committee member to serve as the chairperson at the pleasure of the Governor.
- -- Allowing, rather than requiring, Committee members to be reimbursed for necessary expenses, and making reimbursement subject to available appropriations.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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