



ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 213 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker

Committee: Commerce

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act to eliminate a requirement that an employer notify the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) within eight hours of a fatality or hospitalization of three or more employees resulting from the same accident or illness.

The Act requires an employer to make, keep, and preserve accurate and timely records and reports of workplace illnesses and injuries, and to report that information to the appropriate department for the purpose of developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational illnesses and injuries. (Reports are made to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.)

The Act also requires an employer to notify LARA within eight hours of a fatality or any hospitalization of three or more employees suffering injury from the same accident or illness from the same exposure to the same health hazard associated with their employment. The bill would eliminate that requirement.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

MCL 408.1061 Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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